

Teachers in conference protest

Silent fury greets reprimand by Joseph

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, angered the teaching profession again yesterday when he said he was appalled by the damage to the education of children deliberately inflicted by some teachers...

Vote to wreck exam system

By Our Education Correspondent

The second biggest teaching union voted yesterday in Scarborough to look for the best ways of disrupting public examinations as part of industrial action for more pay.



Dr Kurt Waldheim addressing voters yesterday in Krenns, lower Austria, in his campaign to become Austria's president.

Arab is sought in TWA bombing

From Mario Modiano Athens

Greek security police and American agents despatched to Athens by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are looking for an Arab who may have placed the bomb that crippled a TWA airliner, killing four of its passengers, over Greece on Wednesday.

Medical team late to jet disaster

By Michael Bally Transport Editor

The emergency medical team took over an hour to get to last year's Manchester air disaster because the airport control tower failed to give it sufficient priority in reporting the accident, the North West Regional Health Authority disclosed yesterday.

Woolworth faces £1.8bn bid battle

By Alison Eadie

The biggest-ever high street takeover battle broke out yesterday when Dixons' £1.5 billion bid for Woolworth Holdings was rejected by Woolworth's present owners for only £310 million three and a half years ago.

Peres call for Nazi file on Waldheim

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister of Israel, has urged the United Nations to make public a file on the Second World War activities of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the former UN Secretary-General whom Jewish organizations accuse of concealing a Nazi past.

Tomorrow The big race



How does it feel to win the Grand National on a rank outsider? As the runners line up for Aintree's great day, Hywell Davies, who rode last year's winner Last Suspect, describes fence-by-fence the extraordinary thrill of a race without spills, from the sweat and tension of the starting gate to the triumph of the winning post.

Yard cuts number of armed officers

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Scotland Yard is to reduce by about 750 its pool of officers authorized to use firearms so that only 11 per cent of the 27,000-strong force will be allowed to use arms compared with a current figure of 14 per cent.

Westland share query

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Department of Trade and Industry is likely to be asked to investigate controversial share dealings in Westland before last February's shareholders meeting which voted in favour of an £80 million rescue package from Sikorsky and Fiat.

Pretoria denies lifting ban on Mrs Mandela

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

As hundreds of well-wishers called on Mrs Winnie Mandela at her home in Soweto yesterday, there was confusion over whether her banning order has been lifted.

Sir Peter Pears dies at 75

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

Sir Peter Pears, Britain's most famous postwar tenor, died yesterday aged 75, only 10 weeks before the start of the Aldeburgh festival which he founded with his friend and companion, the late Benjamin Britten.

Portfolio

Yesterday's £2,000 daily prize in The Times Portfolio competition was won by the Rev F E Chad of Downham, Clitheroe, Lancashire. Portfolio list page 24, how to play, information service, page 16.

Kidnap Bill

A Bill to tackle "tug of love" child kidnappings has been introduced to control the unlawful snatching of children by estranged parents. Page 3

Students still find cash for drink

By a Staff Reporter

Students are not prepared to sacrifice their entertainment and drinking in spite of their tight budgets, the Federation of Conservative Students claimed yesterday.

Quality in an age of change

Quality in an age of change. The singer's death came as a shock to the East Anglian festival where he had been taking an active role in organizing the programme. But the event will go ahead as planned, although it may be muted because of Sir Peter's death, a spokesman said.

Advertisement for Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky. It features a large illustration of a grouse standing next to a bottle of whisky and two glasses. The text reads 'THE FAMOUS GROUSE' and 'FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY'. Below the illustration, it says 'Quality in an age of change.' and 'Obituary, page 14'.

Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including page numbers and some illegible characters.



# Airport security on alert since US Navy clash with Libyans

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Police and airline security officials in Britain have been on alert for possible terrorist attacks such as the TWA blast over Greece since the first hint last week of fresh trouble in the Mediterranean, a senior police commander said yesterday.

Commander Pat Carson, head of the Scotland Yard security operation at Heathrow airport, said security alerts primed by a special police intelligence unit at the airport were designed to react swiftly to the development of events abroad.

News of the US Navy action in the Gulf of Sirte immediately prompted new security round potential targets in London, such as American flights.

Yesterday senior officers at the airport considered the bombing in one of their regular meetings on security problems and today the TWA incident is likely to be high on the agenda of a meeting of airline and airport security managers at Heathrow.

The heightening of security, especially concerning potential targets such as American flights, is the latest exercise in a British airport security organization which is said to be highly valued internationally.

In the past decade, the only big incident involved a bomb in a suitcase two years ago, which is attributed to a failed attempt to destroy a flight

from Athens to London.

But an international conference of air and sea port police officers in California last month was told that terrorist attacks could double by the 1990s, and the emphasis will move from aircraft to airports.

Protection of British airports and passengers operates at three levels. The International Civil Aviation Organization provides generally accepted security measures which will stop the transit of terrorists and weapons between countries.

The Department of Transport is instrumental in this area and also oversees the second level of security provided by airport authorities: aircraft passing through this country and screening the people who board or leave them. A national committee of airline, airport and police officials pulls together policy.

Police, sometimes armed, provide the third level of overt security, and collate intelligence for airlines and airports.

At the international level the Department of Transport believes there has been considerable progress in the past year, especially since the hijacking of the TWA flight to Beirut in the summer. Last December the ICAO, with 150 members, agreed new standards which include better measures for checking passengers in transit.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Aviation, said yesterday that "good progress" was being made after work by a committee including Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union.

Speaking on BBC Radio's *World at One* programme, he also pointed to work being done in domestic security. Heathrow's new Terminal Four includes additional security measures. For example, passengers coming off a flight cannot mix with those boarding an aircraft.

Since last summer no passenger boarding a flight at a British airport can check in his baggage and then fail to take his flight, leaving the baggage to go without him.

Restrictions have been placed on baggage being checked in by a tour operator or another airline.

Passengers and their hand luggage are checked using X-ray equipment now installed at airports. But baggage in the hold is not checked as the Department of Transport says it would be too expensive and difficult to organize.

However, baggage is checked on El Al and Irish flights. Mr Carson said his staff included an intelligence unit which constantly monitors events abroad and keeps a calendar of significant and dangerous dates in the calendars of countries and their airlines.



Mr Baker on the road in Oxford yesterday (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

# Baker halts Oxford sprawl

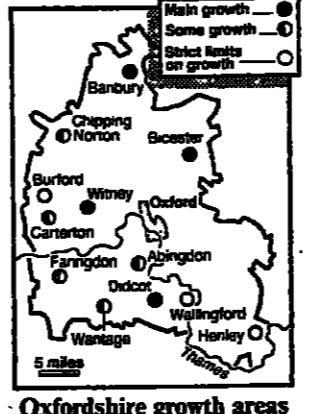
By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday blocked further suburban sprawl in Oxford, but said housing and industrial space was needed in several towns near by.

"Oxford is part of our history and we must make sure that it is part of our future," Mr Baker, an undergraduate at Magdalen more than 30 years ago, said in the city yesterday.

His announcement was welcomed by the Oxford Preservation Trust, which asked him last year to curb development by the Labour-led city council.

Mr Baker said it was time to draw the inner boundary of the Oxford Green Belt, which the trust said was needed to stop



Oxfordshire growth areas

made clear that there would be to growth in Oxfordshire, but they wanted it to be confined to towns and not to be allowed to spread into unpopulated countryside and villages.

They wanted county planners to make room for 10 per cent more houses than originally planned. They also wanted sites made available in the centre of the county for "high-tech" companies that needed to be near university research facilities.

"Many of the towns and villages in the rural areas are of the highest value in heritage terms," Mr Baker said. The main housing growth will be in Banbury, Bicester, Didcot and Witney. Growth is to be curbed heavily in the historic riverside towns of Henley and Wallingford and in the Cotswolds at Burford.

# Medicine absorbed by skin

Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A novel way of absorbing drugs through the skin has been developed to reduce the side-effects of medicines.

The device, approved by the Committee on Safety of Medicines, is a small patch stuck on the skin. It is replaced daily for continuous treatment, and introduces the drug more closely to the area where it is needed, and in lower doses spread, more evenly over 24 hours.

The preparation contained in the device demonstrated yesterday in London by a research group of Schwarz Pharmaceuticals, at Chesham, Buckinghamshire, was most frequently used agent for treating angina: glyceryl trinitrate.

It allows an increase of blood flow to the heart muscle by dilating the coronary vessels and others supplying different tissues. The method of absorbing the substance through the skin is referred to as transdermal delivery, and the proprietary name for the device, which contains the medicine, is Depoist. It is not the first transdermal system, which was a patch to stick behind the ear to control seasickness. That ingredient was scopolamine.

The drug is virtually sucked out of the patch.

# Lambeth workers hold town hall

By Hugh Clayton

Council workers in Lambeth, south London, occupied the town hall yesterday to prevent Conservatives from taking control after the banning of council officers by most Labour councillors.

The move was planned last year as a response to the possible banning of council officers who took part in the abortive rates rebellion that began with 20 Labour councillors.

Mr Jim O'Brien, chairman of the joint committee drawn from all unions in the council workforce, said that the workforce intended to keep Labour in power until all seats came up for election on May 8. "Then the local people can decide for themselves."

The noisy departure of 30 Labour councillors on Wednesday night marked the first mass banings from council office since the Clay Cross dispute more than 10 years ago.

The 30 had to go after the High Court rejected their appeals against the verdicts of a local auditor that they had lost ratepayers' money through "wilful misconduct".

Yesterday was the first day out of office for many years for Mr Ted Knight, one of the architects of last year's rebellion, who described himself as a full-time councillor.

Mr Knight, who was leader

# RUC chief acts to allay fears

By Richard Ford

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, yesterday sought to allay the fears of his force and their families after a third night of violent attacks on their homes by "loyalists".

In the wake of four more intimidatory incidents involving petrol bombs, bricks and stones, Sir John set up a committee to consider the welfare of officers and their families who have been attacked.

He is also to improve communication between himself and the rank and file in an effort to keep them better informed and counter lies and innuendo being circulated in public.

Sir John had a further meeting with the Police Federation and the Government promised to do everything possible to provide additional protection to officers and their homes, most of which are located in loyalist areas.

The chief constable and his senior officers are seriously concerned at attempts being made to break the RUC by people described as "thugs and hoodlums" who intimidate officers at their most vulnerable point by attacking their homes and families.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said only a tiny minority of hoodlums were involved and urged the community to support the RUC and tell them of anyone suspected of carrying out attacks.

Early yesterday loyalists petrol-bombed the home of a policeman in east Belfast as he, his wife and two children were asleep but the family escaped unhurt.

In Lurgan a loyalist mob gathered outside the home of an intimidated police officer as Lady Hermon, wife of the chief constable, was visiting them. The police had to cordon off the area and escort Lady Hermon to her car as the mob threw a number of eggs at the police but she was unhurt.

An IRA bungler has been ordered to carry out no further "operations" without clearance from the top.

The order was handed down after Britain's most wanted woman, Evelyn Glenholmes, failed to give Irish police the slip when a court ordered her release two weeks ago.

# Tories' picket on church meeting

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

The Conservative candidate in the Fulham by-election yesterday organized a picket of a public meeting traditionally organized by church leaders to dissuade voters from attending.

Mr Matthew Carrington, dubbed the "invisible man" by his opponents because of his repeated refusal to share a public platform, accused the Fulham Council of Churches of being "politically motivated" and said it had deliberately attempted to exclude him from last night's meeting.

It was disclosed that Mr Carrington's agent had warned church leaders the meeting could be illegal and the Conservative Party would take legal advice over it going ahead.

The Fulham Council of Churches usually arranges a public meeting during parliamentary elections with the main candidates attending.

But last night's event, to which the Labour and Alliance candidates agreed to attend, clashed with a meeting arranged a few days earlier by the Conservatives where Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman, was due to speak.

Mr Carrington said yesterday that the council of churches had been unwilling to discuss changing dates. "Consequently we are going to be picketing the meeting this evening. We are going to have a leaflet there which we will give to everybody who attends that meeting asking them not to attend."

He was very reluctant to think the churches were politically motivated "but it is very difficult to escape that conclusion."

He accused the church leaders of trying to organize their meeting so it deliberately clashed with the Tebbit event, making it difficult for him to attend. He dismissed suggestions that the Tebbit meeting could have been rearranged, because the party chairman was so busy.

The Rev Timothy Poh, chairman of the council of churches, reacted angrily to Mr Carrington's accusations saying he had done everything possible to try to accommodate the Conservatives. He had brought the time of the churches' meeting forward by one hour to enable Mr Carrington to attend and then go on to the Tebbit event. The Conservatives had shown "very great reluctance" to attend the meeting since they were originally invited. Mr Ian Sanderson, the Conservative agent, had used "strong words".

"I am very upset about what has happened and just cannot understand why the Conservatives have appeared not to wish to attend."

# Exams cause confusion

By Patricia Clough

One education authority threatened yesterday to close down schools where teachers disrupted the new GCSE examination courses as confusion reigned over the future of Britain's 500,000 13-year-olds.

All over the country head teachers and parents braced themselves for a new term of disputes and uncertainty as teachers' unions remained intransigent over the two-year GCSE course which the current third-formers are supposed to take instead of O levels.

The Conservative-ruled Hereford and Worcester County Council pointed out that it is preparing plans to shed hundreds of school places in the 1990s because of falling rolls and warned that the amount of disruption caused to an individual school during the next few months would be an important factor in deciding whether it should remain open.

"We will not tolerate any question of interfering with the GCSE," Dr David Muffett, chairman of the education committee, said. A county National Union of Teachers representative described the warning as blackmail.

One of the 5,000 or so head teachers facing the new turmoil is Mr Michael Pipes, headmaster of the City of Portsmouth School for Boys and chairman of the National Association of Head Teachers education committee.

He has 311 third formers who have to decide this term what subjects they will sit in two years time. Mr Pipes has also to contend with 34 teachers in the National Association of SchoolMasters Union of Women Teachers who are demanding a fee per pupil for the internal assessments marking and 24 NUT members who he expects to insist on teaching the old O level and CSE courses.

He has also been allotted £10 per pupil by Hampshire County Council for the new books and equipment which he estimates will cost at least £30-£40 a head. To add to the confusion some of the syllabuses have yet to be approved, so that both children and parents do not know what they will be studying.

Mr Pipes will be meeting his NUT staff on Monday and expects the meeting to be "stormy".

The trouble is that he supports his teachers' arguments that the new system has been inadequately prepared and funded. He estimates that nationwide it needs an injection of £100 million.

Mrs Carol Barker, a member of the parents' association has a 13-year-old boy at the school and she said: "Many parents are concerned by the fact that the teachers have not marked the new syllabus and who can say that the marking will be correctly done? It is a worrying time. The children need the exams to back them up for their careers."

# Prayer Book dispute

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Another round of conflict between the Church of England and Parliament is pre-empted by a new survey on the use of traditional public prayers, which has been described by a leading church campaigner as a "blazing scandal".

In spite of promises to Parliament from church leaders, the survey found that less than half of students training for the Anglican ministry were using the 1662 Prayer Book regularly. Most clergy went to their first parish without first-hand experience of the traditional Book of Common Prayer, the survey discovered.

The Prayer Book Society, which has promoted legislation to protect the status of the 1662 book, regards the survey as ammunition for a renewed campaign, including further action through its parliamentary lobby.

In answer to criticism from MPs and peers in parliamentary debates in the past, bishops and church spokesmen have cited an official

# Church conflict reopens

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

undertakings were quoted as evidence of the church's general sympathy for the retention of traditional services.

Professor David Martin, of the London School of Economics, who jointly arranged the survey on behalf of the Prayer Book Society, commented on the survey results: "The situation is a blazing scandal in which the public integrity of the Church of England is clearly compromised, and the worst of the scandal is that so few churchmen openly acknowledge what has gone on."

Mr Anthony Kilminster, vice-chairman of the Prayer Book Society, said yesterday that some bishops appeared to have encouraged the theological colleges to "wink" at the 1981 statement. "I feel the bishops in particular and the General Synod have not kept faith with Parliament," he said.

Theological colleges in the Church of England are independent of the bishops and of the General Synod.

# Upstart in pursuit of good old Woolies

By Alan Hamilton

A form of one-sided marriage was proposed yesterday between Woolies, the dear old lady of the high street who has seen better days, and Dixons, the brash upstart all hung about with cameras and home computers. The takeover bid is on for one of the most familiar names in British retailing that started life ahead of the times, but has found it ever harder to keep up.

Frank Winfield Woolworth was an American retail store clerk who had the bright idea that sales might be improved if all the merchandise were laid out on a table for the customers to see.

He opened his first shop in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1888, pioneering the idea of the walkaround open display store that had its entire stock displayed on the counter.

Woolworth had built up a thriving chain across the United States by the time he shipped his idea to Britain and opened his first European store in Church Street, Liverpool, on November 5, 1909, in the heart of a working-class metropolis instantly receptive to his trading policy that nothing in the shop would cost more than sixpence.

He sold broken biscuits, sweets, housewares and other prosaic necessities of back-to-back industrial life.

His Liverpool store quickly spawned another in the same city, and soon a chain across Britain. He enjoyed the flatness of imitation, some of it blatant, including a group of stores in Northern Ireland using the same red and gold shopfronts and calling itself F.A. Wellworth and Co.

By 1950 Woolworth had 762 stores in Britain and by 1958 the chain had reached a peak of 1,000 stores.

But affluence gradually overtook the Woolworth philosophy and profits began to slide. The company was sold in 1982 to the Paternoster consortium, ending all vestige of connection with the original American parent and leading to a stunning exercise which has now reduced the number of stores to 850.

Last year Woolies made a further concerted effort to shake off the residue of their sixpenny image, revamping their store at Hitchin, Hertfordshire, quickly followed by 11 others across the country, in pastel colours and reducing their multiplicity of lines to six basic areas: children's toys and clothes, records and tapes, stationery and confectionery, do-it-yourself and gardening, table and kitchenware, and cosmetics.

Two hundred stores are to be biased towards leisure, the remainder to rely more heavily on Woolworth's traditional lines.

# Nissan in quotas dispute with rivals

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Moves by Nissan UK to double sales in Britain in the next two years in apparent breach of the 11 per cent "ceiling" on Japanese car imports, has brought the privately-owned company into conflict with many of its own dealers, the Motor Agents Association (MAA) and rival Japanese importers.

The latter have protested to their Tokyo headquarters demanding action by the Japanese Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) which "polices" the quota system setting individual manufacturers' shares based on controlled annual shipments.

The dispute will be on the agenda at next month's half-yearly meeting between the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) representing British interests and JAMA, although it will not be raised by the British.

The MAA said last night that writs had been issued by Nissan UK against the association, its director-general, Mr David Gent, and Mr Martin Derrick, editor of the association's monthly magazine, *Motor Trade Executive*, alleging that an article in the latest issue dealing with Nissan moves to reorganize its dealer network contained "lies, distortion and half truths".

The agreement with the British Government stipulates that initial assembly of 24,000 cars a year due to commence at Washington, Tyne and Wear, in July will be subtracted from Nissan's existing import quota. Even if phase 2 is advanced from 1990 to 1988 it means plans to double British sales in the next two years can be achieved only by breaching the 11 per cent restriction or at the expense of Japanese rivals.

# Banking union rejects merger

The 157,000-strong Banking, Insurance and Finance Union has rejected merger overtures from ASTMS, the scientific and technical staff union.

But talks between ASTMS and the manufacturing staff union, Tass, are proceeding, which could create a grouping of more than 600,000 white-collar workers.

# Prior on list

Mr David Prior, aged 30, a British Steel sales director, has been shortlisted to succeed his father, Mr James Prior, as MP for the Suffolk constituency of Waveney. Mr Prior has represented Lowestoft for more than 25 years but plans to leave politics at the next general election.

# NGA leader denies demo obstruction

Mr Tony Dubbins, the general secretary of the National Graphical Association, who was arrested outside the Wapping plant two weeks ago, appeared before Thames magistrates yesterday charged with obstructing the highway. He was released on unconditional bail after pleading "not guilty". The hearing was adjourned until May 21.

Mr William Shiel, aged 31, a bricklayer, of Tiller Road, Poplar, east London, accused of demanding £50,000 from menaces from News International was committed yesterday by Thames magistrates to the Central Criminal Court for trial. He was released on bail of £5,000.

Mr David Hart, a political commentator, told the conference of Conservative Students meeting in Scarborough that if print union leaders wanted an end to picket-line violence they should stop the picketing.

Referring to the dispute underlined News International's new technology plant at Wapping, east London, he said: "It's no good the attractive Miss Brenda Dean saying in her most honeyed tones that she doesn't like the violence. If she called off her pickets the men of violence wouldn't have a rallying point."

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Due to the vast number of pieces and value involved the auctions have been divided into sixteen separate collections thus affording everyone an equal opportunity to acquire one or more of these masterpieces.

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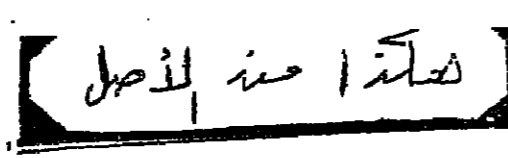
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1980	6,843	4,559
1981	7,091	4,770
1982	7,667	4,958
1983	7,814	4,760
1984	8,030	4,481
1985	8,150	4,481
1986	8,270	4,478





# Tough measures to end loopholes which allow 'tug of love' kidnaps

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Tough measures to tackle "tug of love" child kidnapping were published in the Government's Family Law Bill yesterday. The Bill aims to help retrieve children who have been unlawfully snatched by estranged parents and taken off to another part of the United Kingdom beyond reach of a court order.

Parents could remove a child against its best interests from one part of the United Kingdom to another, conceal its whereabouts, and frustrate the efforts of the courts to secure the child's welfare, often by cynically playing off one jurisdiction against another," Lord Hailsham said.

The Government had already taken action to deal with international child abduction through the Child Abduction Act 1984 and the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, due to come into force this summer.

## Legal aid lawyers threaten system

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The chairman of the national body for solicitors specializing in legal aid, the Legal Aid Practitioners' Group, has urged his Cambridge firm out of criminal legal aid work because of the poor rates of pay.

Mr Peter Soar, chairman of the LAPC, said: "The government-controlled rates of pay are so low that solicitors actually lose money doing criminal work under legal aid."

The Law Commission cited as an example of the present situation a case of a child living in England with his mother, but whose father starts divorce proceedings in Scotland. Both English and Scottish courts can decide custody.



Muffey (left), a Shar Pei bred from healthy stock has been spared an overwrinkled coat, but Bulldog Dempsey had to be given a tracheotomy as his exaggerated breeding caused breathing troubles (Photograph: Chris Harris)

## Efforts to end dog breeding cruelty

The British Small Animal Veterinary Association called yesterday for an end to breeding practices which it says inflict pain and disability on dogs in the name of fashion.

The association says that if the Shar Pei is bred from healthy stock it need not suffer at all from its wrinkled coat.

Bulldog Dempsey had to be given a tracheotomy because he could not breathe properly. Dr Bedford said that the trouble had evolved "basically through the whims of mankind".

At a press conference in London yesterday, Dr Peter Bedford, from the Royal Veterinary College, Hertfordshire, and the association's central information officer, said the Kennel Club was making efforts to overcome hereditary problems by revised breed standards.

This summer's important one-day cricket matches will be covered by BBC Radio after all. The decision comes after the television service was criticized for not covering the test series in the West Indies.

Now the corporation has decided to provide full Radio 3 commentaries on the four one-day internationals against India and the finals of the Benson and Hedges and NatWest competitions.

## Nitrate risk 'minimal'

Fears about health risks from excessive nitrate levels in water supplies were not supported by medical evidence, Dr David Bryson, chief medical officer of ICI's agricultural division, said yesterday.

Great vegetables, including celery, spinach, cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce, had far higher levels of naturally occurring nitrates, he said, yet there was evidence to indicate that they could be beneficial in preventing stomach cancer.

## BBC changes its mind on cricket

Now the corporation has decided to provide full Radio 3 commentaries on the four one-day internationals against India and the finals of the Benson and Hedges and NatWest competitions.

Radio 2 is to start its spring schedules on Monday when the former Fleet Street editor, Derek Jameson, will make his debut as breakfast presenter.

## Children's snack diet criticized

By Our Science Correspondent

Urgent action by the Department of Health to encourage healthier eating habits among children is being called for by nutritionists after an official report shows that youngsters are eating more snacks than any other single food.

## Savage's message on natural birth

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Women must re-assert their control over the birth of their babies rather than submit to the arbitrary rules laid down by doctors, Mrs Wendy Savage, the consultant obstetrician, told an international symposium on childbirth yesterday.

The symposium, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, ends today. Dr Steven Silverman, a leading American obstetrician, talked at the symposium of the "arbitrary guidelines" that compel women to "undergo a caesarean section or a forceps delivery."

## Pilgrim flights

Knock airport in Co Mayo will open for flights carrying pilgrims from Britain on May 23, the local parish priest, Mgr James Horan, who promoted its construction.

# Not for the squeamish

We were in two minds whether to publish this week's lead article in The Spectator.

Its subject is frightening – literally beyond conception.

But we decided to go ahead because the matter has now become so urgent.

Andrew Gimson investigates current experiments on human embryos in Britain, and asks, "Where does science fiction begin?"

After reading the article you may think that certain science fact should end.

In an altogether more humorous vein, John Mortimer takes us on another voyage round his eventful week in the Spectator Diary.

a Lieutenant-Colonel.

As a trio plays Schubert in the background, the Colonel proclaims that his officers are individuals – they all wear different coloured socks.

Mortimer notes the frustration amongst the ranks: "They are involved in an endless game of 'let's pretend', like actors forever rehearsing for a play which can't be performed, because the first night would mean the ending of the world."

With all this, and Enoch Powell on the Domesday Book, Isabel Colegate on Anthony Powell's new novel, and Charles Glass on Colonel Gaddafi, "all human life is here."

THE SPECTATOR



Racing for the lion: Play the Knave (No 6) is behind Castle Warden at the finish, shown clearly in the drawing (left).

## Horse racing judge resigns

By Richard Dowden

A racing judge who caused a near-riot when he changed his decision about a winner at Hereford on Easter Monday, resigned yesterday.

Mr Peter Roffe-Silvester, a judge for 21 years, said he had written to the Jockey Club tendering his resignation and had no further comment.

Mark Harrington, Play the Knave's jockey, is upheld. The Jockey Club is holding an inquiry into his allegation that Castle Warden interfered with him at the last fence.

The £2,544.60 prize money however will go to Castle Warden and the horse will be recorded as the official winner unless a complaint by Mr

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# Titanic survey team is appealing for £2.2m to save expedition

French organizers of an expedition to film the first complete survey of the wreck of the Titanic are seeking British sponsors to invest £2.2 million.

The Anglo/French expedition, due to take place during July and August when the weather is most suitable for diving, will use an untethered, three-man submersible to descend 13,000 feet to film the wreck, 400 miles off Newfoundland.

A teleguided robot, attached by cable to a French-built diving submersible, the Nautilus, will film the 74-year-old wreck and study new species of marine life. The Nautilus's two mechanical arms will recover some relics, such as silver plates, metal fragments, wine bottles and deck chairs, for scientific research.

"It's a race against time. Unless we find a major British corporation or consortium prepared to invest £2.2 million, the expedition will end up in American hands," Mr Brian Worley, Sussex marine salvage consultant and retired deep sea diver, said. Mr Worley has teamed up with Mr Ken Clutterbuck, a

London businessman, to find a sponsor.

Mr Worley said the technical co-ordinators of the expedition, Taurus International, a company based in Paris which specializes in offshore project management, believe it should be an Anglo/French project.

"We need a patriotic entrepreneur willing to invest in Britain's history and pioneering spirit."

The French Institute for Oceanographic Research, involved in the Titanic expedition last September with the US Woodhole Oceanographic Institution, will supply the submersible, a pilot and a co-pilot and surface support vessel with a crew of 25 scientists.

"This is a tremendously exciting project and one in which Britain should have a chance to participate," Mr Robert Chappaz, chairman of Taurus International, said from Paris yesterday.

The Nautilus submersible, which weighs 18.5 tons, has a titanium alloy pressure hull and external structure. It is capable of exploring 97 per cent of the surface area of the ocean floor and successfully

completed the Kaiko diving expedition off the coast of Japan last summer.

The expedition studied the Pacific sea-beds and continental shelves at a depth of 6,000 metres. The Nautilus left an early warning earthquake system on the sea-bed.

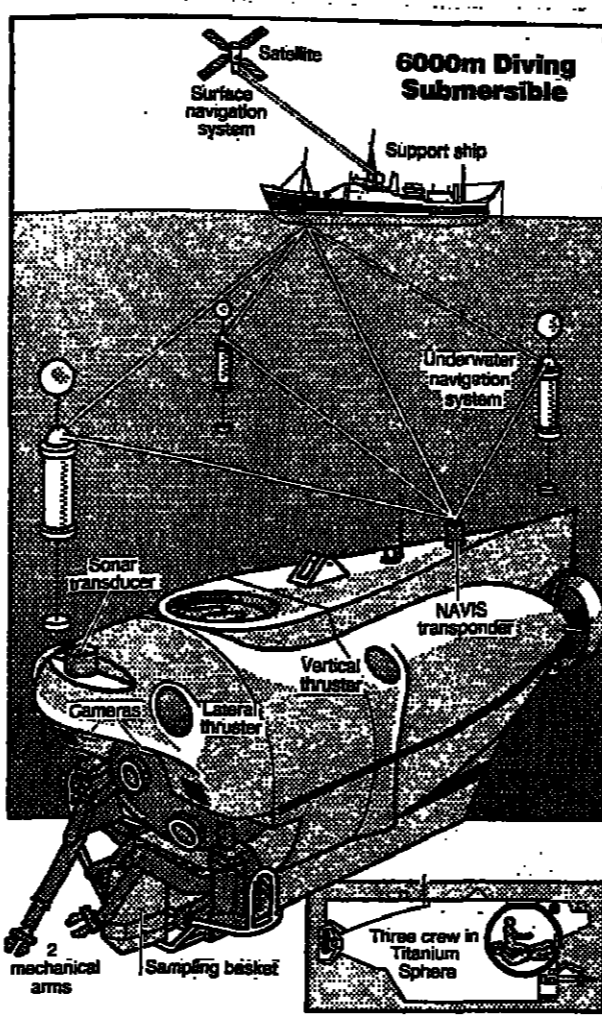
"Ideally we would like to invite a British observer as the third man in the submersible. It should be an Anglo/French expedition or a European venture," Mr Chappaz said. The French organizers would like to invite the Prince of Wales as an observer, he said.

The submersible, designed and built by the institute, is undergoing final sea trials and will be ready for the expedition in June.

Two support surface vessels and towed advanced research sonar vehicles were used in the September expedition.

The first photographs of the Titanic were taken by a US robot vehicle, Angus, which operated from a surface support vessel via an umbilical cable.

However, the submersible will not have to rely on a cable system from the support surface vessel and will be able to



A formidable challenge for Ken Clutterbuck (top) and Brian Worley (above).

explore the wreck freely.

A documentary film and books are planned, with British and international television networks showing interest.

"This will be the first complete film survey of the Titanic. But it will also provide a wealth of material for biologists and scientists," Mr Worley said.

Also, the US Navy submersible, Alvin, will join the Nautilus for several days to participate in the first joint simulated rescue and retrieval operation at 13,000 feet.

# British industry told to change or face decline

Sir John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI, challenged Britain last night to bury old prejudices and adapt to change, or face irreversible decline.

Sir John, delivering the Richard Dimbleby lecture on BBC1, made an impassioned speech on behalf of Britain's manufacturing industry in which he launched a scathing attack on "them-and-us" attitudes.

He said: "The historic relationships between the CBI and the Tory Party and between the Labour Party and the trade unions have been a means for preserving totally outdated, adversarial attitudes.

"This terrible symmetry of political and industrial sides has a great deal to answer for.

"Our political system is in itself adversarial. As each successive government has reversed the policies of its predecessor, British industry has been constantly marching up the hill and marching down again," Sir John said.

"The Grand Old Duke of York has been our constant companion. Winning an industrial race against international competitors with this kind of handicap is like racing Seb Coe wearing a diving suit."

Britain's manufacturing industry was becoming so undervalued that the decline could become irreversible.

"In too many firms there are too many unnecessary distinctions between the shop floor, office and management," he said.

"People are not treated, in some cases are not allowed to be treated, as individuals who are part of the same team.

"Industry is above everything a team job; our team versus the competitor team. Teams only work when people feel part of them, and a team is only as strong as its weakest link."

In a lecture entitled: "Does industry matter?" Sir John said everyone wished for a better Britain. Nobody took pleasure in crumbling sewers, low pay for teachers and a squeeze on the health service.

"But what we have to put into our heads is that these are political footballs only because our wealth-creation is inadequate. It is not a question of allocation, it is a question of having enough to allocate."

Sir John argued that earnings from service industries, banking, insurance and tourism, could not replace manufacturing industry.

"Manufacturing is not only a vital provider of the products we need and a creator of employment, it is also the means whereby the country pays its way in the world," Sir John said.

# Under 10s seek help on drugs

Children under the age of 10 are among those who have telephoned BBC Helpline for advice about drugs.

More than 500 calls have been received at Helpline centres in London and Glasgow after the anti-drugs television programme, *It's Not Just Zammo*, for children on Tuesday.

The programme, presented by John Craven from *Newsround* and Nick Ross from *Drugwatch*, was aimed at helping children to "Just Say No" to drug pushers.

A spokesman said yesterday that almost half the calls received in the first 24 hours after the programme were from young viewers inquiring for someone other than themselves.

Most were seeking help for the first time and not all calls were from drug users. Of the users who did call, 45 per cent were aged between 15 and 19, 25 per cent were 14 and under, and there were even a few from children under 10. The remaining 30 per cent of callers who admitted being users were 20 or over.

"It's very heartening to know that the programme prompted young people in great need of help to seek it for the first time," John Craven said.

The number of deaths from solvent abuse in Scotland has more than doubled in a year. There were 24 fatalities from abuse in 1985 compared with nine in 1984. Among 14 and 15-year olds 12 solvent-related deaths were recorded last year, compared with three in 1984.

# Call for stricter noise controls at airports

By Michael Bailly Transport Editor

New regulations are needed to control noise around Britain's airports, and more compensation should be available for all affected by it, *Which?* the Consumers' Association magazine says in its latest issue.

Of the original grant schemes to enable people to shut out aircraft noise with double glazing and other forms of insulation, only three sur-

vive the report says, at Manchester, Birmingham and Leeds/Bradford. Such grants should be available to all homes badly affected by aircraft noise and airports should be required by law to acquire seriously blighted properties.

The report cites examples of illegality. Present noise rules allow the Boeing 747 to contin-

ue in service but not the quieter Trident.

Many aircraft could be flown more quietly, the report says, quoting Manchester as an airport with an enlightened approach.

With flights expected nearly to double by the end of the century, *Which?* says there will be more aircraft in the sky

and possibly more noise in spite of the advent of quieter engines. It calls for the following steps to control it:

- Improved noise regulations based on scientific research with stricter controls and better monitoring;
- More insulation grants, plus purchase of seriously blighted properties;

# Top chess juniors at Oakham

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

The Oakham School International Tournament at Oakham School, Rutland, is becoming one of the world's strongest junior international tournaments.

The tournament sponsored by Mr John Gerwood, a former pupil, is designed to give young British players the opportunity to play some of the world's strongest juniors.

This year's event, which ends on April 11, has 42 players representing 23 countries including Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the US and England.

An English junior player, Stuart Conquest, the Hastings international master, has made a fine start by winning his first round and he must be classed as one of the favourites to win first prize.

Mark Condie, an international master from Scotland, won quickly in 33 moves.

Others with one point from the first round (Burmese) are: Blazina (Czechoslovakia), Kuczyński (Poland), Pichler (Austria), Gao (China), Pichler (England), Gao (England), Buchkirev (Bulgaria), Gargner (Scotland) and Popov (Belgium).

# Problems with planning: 3

# Bureaucrats hold the best cards

The Government wants to help builders and other developers to cut through the maze of regulations that can make it hard to win permission to build. But, as Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent, reports in the last of three articles, it can be even harder to stop permission being given.

Every few seconds a faint jolt could be felt through the chairs in Mr and Mrs David Belben's elegant home. It came a brief but perceptible interval after the thump of a pile-driver on a building site on the other side of their pleasant walled garden near the centre of Westminster in Wiltshire.

Mr Belben said that the shock of the impact of the machine that was driving concrete piles into the ground next door was travelling through the rock underground and making itself felt in their home.

The Belbens have spent months fighting a planning application to build a dormitory annexe for a local girls' school on open ground behind their home, which is listed as a Grade Two building of historic interest.

Their campaign has won support from several local residents and some councillors, but it was not enough to sway West Wiltshire District Council, the planning authority which allowed the annexe to be built.

Their end of the town is a local conservation area, which means that English Heritage, the quango that looks after

listed buildings, should have been told that a new building was planned there.

After planning permission had been given, the Belbens learnt from West Wiltshire District Council that English Heritage had not been told. The council apologized and assured the Belbens that changes would be made to avoid similar errors in the future. But the permission to build behind the Belbens' garden had to stand.

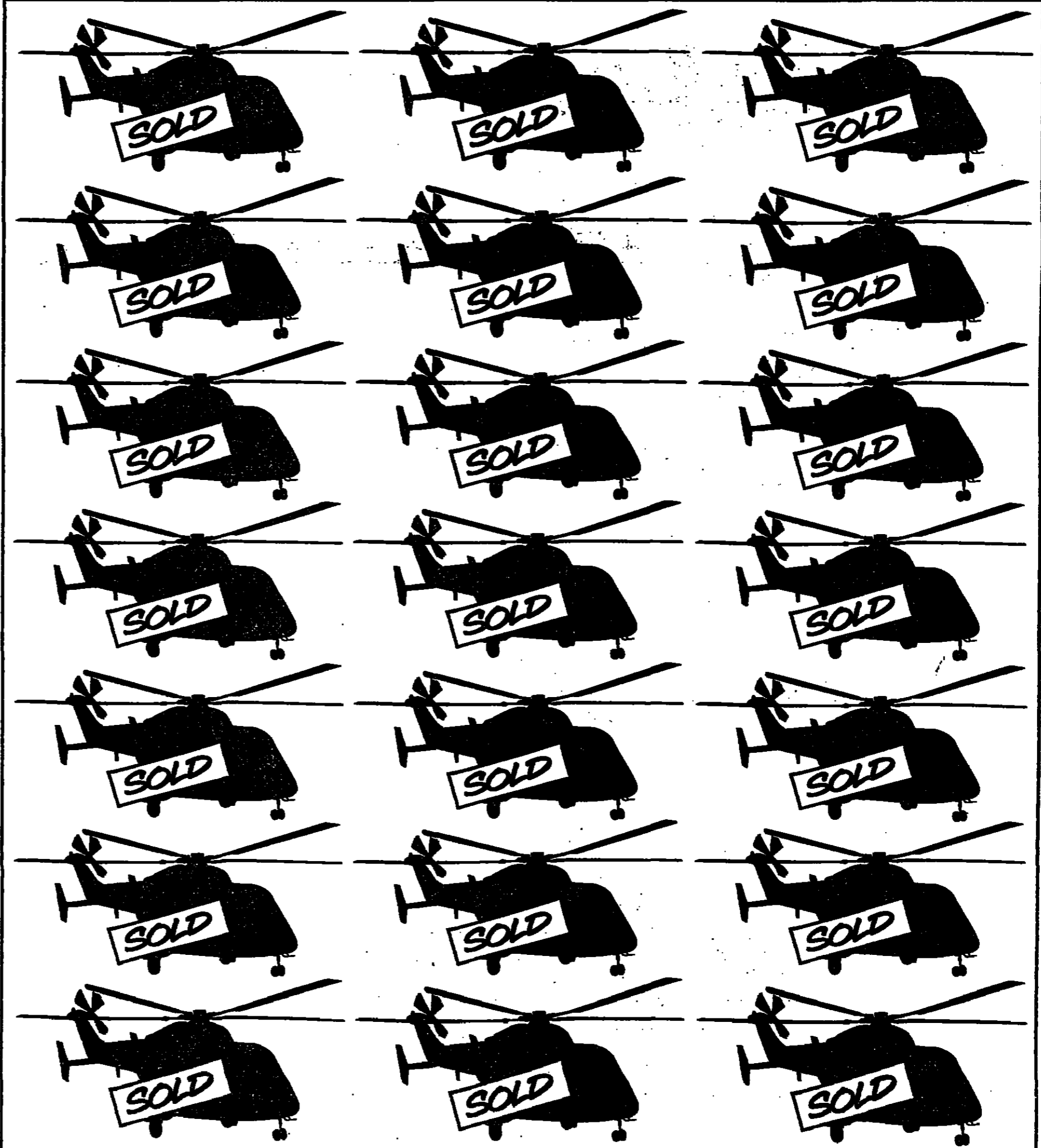
Next, the infuriated couple tried politicians. Their case rose as far as Mr Richard Tracey, a parliamentary under-secretary of state at the Department of the Environment responsible for planning. He told them it was a local argument in which he could not intervene.

"I am extremely upset," Mrs Belben said. "The tranquility at the back was one of the reasons why we bought it."

Mrs Anna Macpherson, an architectural adviser with English Heritage, said the concrete tiles and artificial stone planned for the annexe would not blend well with the weathered stone of the surrounding houses, including the Belbens' home. But she pointed out that the commission's role was only advisory. It could not force a council.

The Belbens encountered a feature of the planning system that has floored many an objector against new buildings. It is that once permission has been given the building work can race ahead. Even if objectors can win the argument, they may find their victory soured by the new structure that stares them in the face.

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'My son could be on that plane' says Gadaffi

# Libya ducks bomb blame

From Robert Fisk Tripoli

Obviously anxious to avoid yet another confrontation with the Americans, Libya is going out of its way to avoid blame for the bombing of the TWA Boeing 727 airliner over Greece on Wednesday.

Quite apart from Colonel Gadaffi's own denial of responsibility, officials in Tripoli were asserting repeatedly yesterday that Libya knew nothing about the attack, it disapproved of it and — in the words of one Gadaffi functionary — "so far as we are concerned the matter is closed".

After the attack on passengers at Rome and Vienna airports in December, Colonel Gadaffi initially praised the

killings as a justified blow against the United States.

Yesterday, however, Libyan television news broadcast film of the bombed TWA airliner on the tarmac at Athens, quoting agency reports on the casualties with neither comment nor embellishment. It was the fifth item on the evening bulletin.

The Libyan leader's own statement was clear enough: "Who could do such a thing?" he asked.

"The passengers on a plane like this could be mixed, not just Americans. Anyone could be on that plane. My little son could be on that plane. This is not Libya's fault."

Colonel Gadaffi could not resist noting that President Reagan's policies had "created

an international campaign against Americans".

What he did not say was that he has personally helped to encourage just such a campaign — at the least emotionally — by specifically calling for attacks against American "interests" throughout the Middle East in retaliation for the confrontation between the Libyans and the US Sixth Fleet in the Gulf of Sirte last week.

If it turns out that a Palestinian group was responsible for the bombing — as an anonymous telephone caller to a news agency in Beirut suggested — then it could be difficult for Colonel Gadaffi to claim that he did not help to inspire them.

Nor can a Libyan denial be accepted without question.

While Colonel Gadaffi may well have been quite ignorant of the impending attack on the TWA airliner, he said only in January that he was prepared to "give assistance" to revolutionary groups although he would not be "responsible for their individual acts".

His officials put a somewhat different gloss on matters yesterday. "We didn't plan this and we didn't do this, and we think it was wrong," one said.

"We are against terrorism. The Americans cannot accuse us this time."

Washington's restrained reaction to the bombing has led the Libyan authorities to believe that another round of mutually abusive rhetoric between Mr Reagan and Colonel Gadaffi can be avoided.

## Tripoli on terror offensive

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Libyan-backed terrorist organizations have stepped up their planning in the past two months. Mr Michael Armacost, the US Under-Secretary of State for political affairs, said yesterday, citing American intelligence reports from Washington, however, had not found any direct link between Libya and Wednesday's bombing of a TWA airliner, "although we don't rule out Libyan involvement".

Speaking at a televised press conference linking four countries by satellite, Mr Armacost said the US did not give much credibility to Colonel Gadaffi's denial that Libya was behind the latest bombing. "We would not rely on his word," he said. Libya had in the past publicly admitted sponsoring, financing and supporting terrorist operations.

"Whether or not he was involved in this bombing is one issue. We have no doubt, however, on the basis of his own claim as well as our own intelligence reports, that he is deeply involved in supporting terrorist operations generally."

Recent intelligence reports had demonstrated that future terrorism would not only be directed at targets in the Middle East, North Africa and Western Europe, "but in far-flung portions of the world".

The US had no intention of responding to an overtone from Libya for dialogue with Washington. Two Libyan emissaries visited Saudi Arabia recently to try to establish contact with Vice-President Bush when he visits Riyadh this weekend.

Mr Armacost said Libya would have to improve its conduct before the US would agree to talk.

He defended the US decision to sail the Sixth Fleet into the Gulf of Sirte as an affirmation of maritime rights.

## Finger is pointed at Cairo

From Peter Nichols Rome

The Italian authorities yesterday denied that inadequate security at Rome airport had allowed the bomb to be taken aboard the TWA Boeing.

Sigfrido Oscar Scalfaro, the Interior Minister, said that "a person suspected of being in the lists of wanted terrorists certainly boarded the aircraft at Cairo and left the flight at Athens. In the course of his journey he was seated at the point in the cabin where the bomb later exploded".

The minister gave no name but investigators say that a suspected Arab passenger named Mansour or Mansour boarded the flight in Cairo.

After the terrorist had left the flight at Athens the aircraft flew on to Rome with the bomb still hidden under the seat he had occupied and returned to Athens with the bomb still intact.

It blew up on the approach to Athens but too late by a few minutes to destroy the aircraft.



Baby Demetra Klug and her mother Maria, of Annapolis, Maryland, TWA blast victims. Mrs King's mother also died.

## Mafioso 'sings' in court

Palermo (Reuters) — The Mafia informer, Tommaso Buscetta, made his first appearance at a trial of nearly 470 alleged gangsters yesterday and said he decided to "sing" because the criminal society had betrayed his ideals.

Buscetta, aged 57, made his long-awaited appearance at the two-month-old trial held in a fortified bunker next to Palermo's Ucciardone jail after being flown from the US.

He had given evidence at the "Pizza Connection" Mafia trial in New York, enabling investigators to indict 467 alleged gangsters on charges ranging from drug trafficking to murder.

Ignoring the cages containing many of the accused, Buscetta told the court: "I remain a member of the Cosa Nostra (Mafia) in the same spirit as when I joined."

"But, from the 1970s onwards, the ideals of Cosa Nostra changed and there have been acts of violence which do not correspond to the original ideals."

## Arab arrests fuel Israeli suspicions

Jerusalem — The arrest record of an undisclosed number of Israeli Arabs reported to have received terrorist training in Syria has provoked concern here that the traditionally quiescent Arab population inside Israel's pre-1967 borders may be becoming more involved in terrorist activity (David Bernstein writes).

The men arrested, said to be members of Dr George Habash's radical Syrian-based PFLP, are suspected of having murdered a 19-year-old Sergeant Moshe Tamam after picking him up while he was hitchhiking home.

The press is suggesting that the investigation into the murder of several other Israelis during the past two years may be nearing completion.

## Iran's gentle face of Islam dies aged 83

Ayatollah Kazem Shariat-Madari, one of the five grand ayatollahs of the Shia branch of Islam, has died in a Tehran hospital aged 83 (Hazhir Teimourian writes).

The ayatollah, who came to prominence during and after the 1979 revolution in Iran as the gentle, pragmatic face of the clergy, was later placed under house arrest by the regime and accused of involvement in a plot to overthrow the Islamic republic, a charge which he denied. He continued to enjoy a considerable following.

## Bonn first choice for French visit

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

M. Jean Bernard Raimond, a name known here only to his fellow professional diplomats until he ceased to be French Ambassador to Moscow two weeks ago, chose Bonn yesterday for his first trip abroad as France's Foreign Minister.

The venue was intended, by both France and West Germany, to emphasize that each regards the other as its most important European relation.

With the same intention, it was announced after M Raimond's talks with his West German counterpart, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, that Bonn would also be the venue for M Jacques Chirac's first appearance on the international scene as newly-elected Prime Minister.

Herr Genscher spoke yesterday of West Germany's "continuing good relations" with France. But there is no doubt that the arrival of M Raimond, the impending arrival of M Chirac and the expected continuation of the regular meetings which Chancellor Kohl has with President Mitterrand, have raised the characteristic German question: who is in charge?

The German like-mindedness in French foreign policy, as in all else. Whoever in the Quai

## Astronauts questioned

Washington — The presidential commission investigating the Challenger shuttle disaster held a public hearing yesterday to question senior astronauts worried about flight safety problems (Mohsin Ali writes).

Mr William Rogers, the commission's chairman and a former Secretary of State, said his panel was giving careful attention to their concerns.

## Schmidt wins Onassis peace award

Athens — Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, has won an Onassis Foundation award for his contribution to peace (Mario Modiano writes).

The winners of the Onassis prizes, which each carry a \$100,000 (£67,000) grant, were announced yesterday by Professor Yiannis Georgaklis, the foundation's permanent secretary.

The award dedicated to man in his environment is shared between the Salzburg Festival, directed by Herbert von Karajan, and the European Community Youth Orchestra.

The prize dedicated to man in society was won jointly by the International Rehabilitation Centre for Torture Victims in Copenhagen and Agence France-Presse, the French news agency, for its continuous, fair and prompt service.

## Bulgarian reform 'lacks fire'

Sofia (Reuters) — Signs are emerging from Bulgaria's Communist Party congress that economic reforms suggested by Mr Todor Zhivkov, the veteran leader, may be less radical than rhetoric suggests.

"The congress seems now to be tanning out steam. I can't see another Hungary or Yugoslavia emerging here," one Western diplomat said yesterday, the second day of the four-day meeting.

Mr Zhivkov's opening address and the Central Committee's report have failed to develop sufficiently the themes of reform and "scientific and technological revolution". It has not been explained how the new economic line will be implemented, diplomats said.

The Bulgarian leader has vigorously promoted change for the past year, but it became clear that earlier reform attempts, known as the new economic mechanism, had failed to improve the quality of Bulgaria's industrial output.

"His thrust yesterday was as expected — his science and technical revolution and the reform of management structure. But it's sounding now more rhetoric than action," a Western analyst said.

The only new element was an elaboration on the role of an economic council set up in January. This would act as an auxiliary body to the Council of Ministers (Cabinet), allocating resources.

Earlier statements on reform had promised radical changes in prices, wages, finance and management policies to decentralize decision-making and attune the economy more to the realities of the domestic and international markets.

## Argentina honours Falklands dead

From A Correspondent Buenos Aires

The fourth anniversary of the invasion that started the 1982 Falklands war was commemorated in Argentina by numerous small but emotionally laden ceremonies.

Throughout Wednesday the three armed services held ceremonies honouring the approximately 1,000 dead while official homage was offered in a Mass attended by President Alfonsín, the Foreign Minister, Señor Dante Caputo, the Interior Minister, Señor Antonio Troccoli, the Labour Minister, Señor Hugo Barrionuevo, the Defence Secretary, Señor Horacio Jaunarena and the heads of the armed forces.

The Mass was held in the military chapel of Stella Maria. The homily by a chaplain emphasized the intensification of diplomatic efforts to recover the islands.

A demonstration by supporters of ex-servicemen, estimated at up to 5,000 strong, marched in the evening from the Plaza de la Republica, where the former combatants have been holding a "camp-out" for four days, to the municipal government building.

In a document read at the rally it was claimed that 65 per cent of the veterans are unemployed, 70 per cent lack housing and 28 per cent are without medical services.

The marchers, mainly from human rights organizations and left-wing political and student groups, responded fervently to chants of "Attention, attention! Malvinas are the road to liberation," and denunciations of General Galtieri, head of the military junta during the conflict.

The former soldiers demanded the formation of a commission, in which they would participate, to investi-



Sir John Gray, heavily guarded, leaving yesterday's meeting with a top Shia official.

## Beirut students strike over missing British teachers

Beirut (AP) — Students and teachers at the American University of Beirut yesterday staged a half-day strike to protest against the disappearance of Mr Leigh Douglas, a political science professor and one of two Britons missing since Friday.

Mr Douglas, aged 34, of Norfolk, was reported missing after failing to show up for classes on Tuesday.

The university's faculty association unanimously voted to ask all members to stop teaching pending an investigation into his disappearance.

The other missing Briton is Mr Philip Padfield, aged 40, of Bideford, Devon. He is the director of the International Language Centre in Beirut.

None of Beirut's extremist factions has claimed to have abducted the men last seen at a west Beirut bar.

Sir John Gray, the British Ambassador to Lebanon, yesterday met Mr Hussein Youssef, a senior official of the Shia Muslim Amal, in an effort to locate the missing men.

French quit: French ceasefire observers left embattled Beirut yesterday, ending a two-year mission monitoring clashes among rival militias (Reuters reports).

Port officials said the 45 sailed from Jounieh after farewell ceremonies with militias and the Lebanese Army.

which was reported to have awarded them medals.

France ordered the force home on Tuesday, saying its task had become impossible because of continuing clashes between rival militias along Beirut's Green Line front.

Militias clash: Shia Muslim militia and guerrillas loyal to Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, battled with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades in Beirut's Sabra and Chatilla refugee camps yesterday (Our correspondent writes).

The seven days' fighting has claimed at least 28 lives, most of them civilians living in and around the camps in south Beirut.

## Seoul ready to defend games

From David Watts, Seoul

Faced with North Korean threats to disrupt this year's Asian games, South Korea and the United States are considering the use of airborne warning and control aircraft to keep watch on the North, with anti-aircraft missiles ready to ward off any attacks and the US Navy standing by.

The plans were announced after the annual security consultation meeting between Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, and his South Korean counterpart, Mr Lee Ki Baek.

A joint committee will be set up to review security measures for both the Asian games and the Olympic Games in 1988 "so that we can respond very strongly to disruption efforts by North Korea", Mr Lee said.

In recent negotiations the

North Koreans have been demanding a half share in what would be called the Seoul-Pyongyang Olympic Games. Their failure to win that share of this important pie is likely to bring disruption, the South Koreans fear.

Washington says North Korean forces are now deployed in much greater strength near the border, with 65 per cent of their ground forces there. The South believes this is part of a strategy to win a decisive advantage in the first week of any fighting, before US reinforcements arrive to supplement the 40,000 American troops already here.

The deployments by the North "seriously reduce warning time, and continued vigilance will be required", the joint communiqué said. Both sides agreed to improve early-war-

ing systems and increase exchanges of strategic information.

Mr Weinberger yesterday reiterated America's "unshakeable commitment to the peace, security and freedom of South Korea".

Asked if he felt the US was helping to defend a democratic government in South Korea he replied: "I'm satisfied that what we're doing is desired by the Government of the Republic of Korea and is essential for the preservation of the Government and the preservation of freedom and peace in the peninsula."

He said he would not get involved in the internal affairs of South Korea when it was suggested to him that opposition rallies were an invitation to North Korea to create trouble in the South.

## Nevada N-test step attacked by Moscow

Geneva — By rejecting an admonition by Mr Gorbachev that Moscow would be forced to resume testing if America went ahead with a test in Nevada later this month.

Soviet scientists could not accept an American invitation to observe the Nevada blast because this would amount to approval of continued testing.

Mr Donald Lowitz, the American delegate, did not respond.

## Heat still on Palme case man

Mr Victor Gunnarsson, the man originally charged with the murder of the Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme, but later released for lack of evidence, said yesterday he was still under "deep suspicion" by the police.

In a letter to TT, the Swedish domestic news agency, Mr Gunnarsson, who is being kept in protective custody at a secret address, said many members of the public also suspected that he had killed Mr Palme.

He attacked the Swedish mass media for their handling of the case.

A forensic test by West German police in Wiesbaden on a jacket worn by Mr Gunnarsson located minute particles of gunpowder on a sleeve. However, police said yesterday they had been unable to link the particles with the bullets fired at Mr Palme and his wife, Lisbet, who escaped unhurt.

A Swedish Air Force jet has taken more aerial pictures of the area of central Stockholm where Mr Palme was shot on February 28, as the hunt for the murder weapon, a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver, continues.

Police now seem to believe the gun may have been thrown on to a roof. All 3,000 such Smith & Wesson revolvers licensed in Sweden were yesterday being checked by police.

## Gurky join jungle exercise

Kuala Lumpur (AP) — Malaysian forces are conducting joint exercise with British Gurkhas from Hong Kong in the jungles of Kota Tinggi district, 150 miles south here.

It involves 2,000 people including 250 troops of the 6 Gurkha Company and 150 personnel from the 21st Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment.

The joint exercise is designed to train Malaysia's 21 Battalion in conventional warfare and to enhance co-operation and understanding with British Army units.

## Norway gets new paper

Norway's leading quality newspaper, *Aftenposten*, took a step towards launching its country's first national Sunday newspaper since 1919.

It told its staff that a 32-page weekend edition will be published from Saturday, April 12.

## Cash transfer

Chambers, France (Reuters) — Four masked gunmen burst into the offices of a bank transfer company here and escaped with 8 million francs (about £800,000).

## Mission over

Lima (Reuters) — Peru has ordered the International Monetary Fund to close its mission in Lima.

## Rapist shot

Port Moresby (Reuters) — Police rescued a kidnapped Australian woman raped by gang on a golf course shooting dead one of his seven attackers and wounding another.

## Dalai's tour

Amsterdam (Reuters) — TI Dalai Lama is to visit West Germany, Austria, The Netherlands and France next month, a Dutch-Tibetan contact group said.

## Modern China

Peking (AP) — China, when all land and important industry is state-owned, is drafting its first bankruptcy law, its Vice-Premier, Mr Yao Yili said.

## Snap reward

San Francisco (Reuters) — The mayor of San Francisco Mrs Dianne Feinstein, offers \$500 rewards to citizen photographers who identify vandals.

## Cairo trial

The Egyptian prosecutor Mr Mohamed Abdel Aziz el Guindi, announcing the 1,236 people are to be charged in connection with the February riots in Cairo which killed 107 people.

## Long sail

Miami Beach (AP) — After weathering 24 days across the Atlantic alone on their specially equipped sailboat two Frenchmen arrived from the Bahamas, completing the first part of their journey from North Africa to New York.

## Space tribute

Washington (UPI) — Nas and the Astronauts Memorial Foundation have announced plans to build a memorial to the Challenger seven and other astronauts who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

## Kabul deaths

Moscow (AFP) — Two Soviet diplomats in Kabul have been sentenced to death after being executed for gold smuggling according to an underground news bulletin circulating here.

## Eleven killed

Magdalena, New Mexico (AFP) — A US Air Force HC130 plane crashed in a desolate area of New Mexico killing all 11 crew members.

## Hudson sale

New York (AP) — A Steinway baby grand piano that furnished Rock Hudson's Manhattan flat and a needle point rug created by the late actor were big sellers at an auction of items from his estate which brought a total of almost \$90,000.

## Dud bomb

Washington (AP) — Law enforcement officials say a dud letter bomb sent to the US Senate majority leader, Mr Robert Dole of Kansas,



# Natal sets out on uncertain road to black majority rule

From Michael Hornsby, Durban

A conference which could lead to the acceptance of black majority rule by South African whites, albeit only at provincial level, opened yesterday in the city hall of this bustling port on the coast of Natal.

The Chief Minister of the KwaZulu tribal "homeland", Chief Gaba Buthelezi, told the gathering of 750 dignitaries, guests and delegates that the conference was "the trust which we in this region and in all of South Africa have with destiny".

It offered an opportunity "to cut the Gordian knot of racism and injustice which has cost our country so dearly" and could be a turning-point, determining whether South Africa's problems would be "solved peacefully or through bloodshed".

The KwaZulu tribal government, which administers more than 40 fragments of territory scattered throughout Natal, and the Natal Provincial Council, which runs those parts reserved for whites, are the co-convenors of the conference, or *Indaba*, to use its Zulu title.

The two bodies have already submitted a proposal to the government for a joint executive authority in Natal, on which they would be equally represented. The brief for the *Indaba* is to draft a proposal for a joint legislative assembly.

# Rebuke to Tutu after speech on sanctions

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Black and white political organizations in South Africa were polarized yesterday after the call by the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev Desmond Tutu, for punitive sanctions against the Pretoria Government by the international community.

In a scathing comment, Mr Louis Nel, Deputy Information Minister, said such measures would be disastrous for blacks in South Africa and neighbouring countries, "but not for the Bishop of Johannesburg".

A police spokesman refused to say if they were investigating possible charges of economic subversion against the bishop. Conviction carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in jail.

Bishop Tutu gave an ultimatum to Pretoria to begin dismantling apartheid within two years when he was enthroned early last year.

On Wednesday he detailed his efforts since 1976 to persuade government leaders "urgently to remove the causes of black anger" but added that nothing President Botha had said convinced him that the present government was serious about dismantling apartheid.

He described Mr Botha as a man who had lost the "convictions of his courage" after telling whites they could not alone determine the country's future for ever.

Both the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Azanian People's Organization (Azapo), the two largest legal anti-apartheid groups in the country, yesterday exhibited rare agreement in supporting the bishop's call.

Mr Murphy Morobe, UDF spokesman, said he hoped the international community would see it "as a desperate call... to exert more decisive pressure on this racist government". Azapo said the bishop's action was long overdue.

But there was strong rejection of the bishop's call from across the white political spectrum. Mrs Helen Suzman, the opposition Progressive Federal Party MP, said sanctions would cause "horrendous unemployment in South Africa, which has no social security safety net."



An emotional Mr Wallace telling his supporters that he has climbed his last mountain.

# Study of Zimbabwe training

From Jan Rasath, Harare

Mr John Stanley, the British Minister of State for Defence, arrived here yesterday for a close look at British military training operations.

Early this year, officers of the 60-man British military advisory training team began instructing Mozambique officers at the battalion battle school in Nyanga.

About 170 Mozambicans will be trained during the year after an agreement last year between the governments of Mozambique, Britain and Zimbabwe.

At the end of the month 22 British armoured car and artillery instructors will return home as they have completed courses mounted for Zimbabwe armoured vehicle and artillery units.

Radio war: The US has been accused by Harare of backing a clandestine radio station in South Africa which broadcasts news reports and commentaries in support of anti-Zimbabwe rebels in Matabeleland.

# Man of Alabama bows out in tears

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Governor George Wallace of Alabama, declaring that he has climbed his last political mountain, has decided not to seek re-election in November.

In tears and slurring slightly because of partial deafness, he appeared but a shadow of the fiery old populist as he said farewell seated in his wheelchair.

He told a packed, hushed chamber of the state House of Representatives in Montgomery that the five bullets that struck and paralysed him in an assassination attempt in 1972 "pave me a thorn in the flesh like it did the Apostle Paul. I prayed it would be removed but it was not".

He said time began running out for his political ambitions when those bullets hit him. Although he was "doing good" at the moment, he felt that as he grew older the effects of his problems might become more noticeable.

"There are still some personal hills I want to climb but for now I must pass the rope and pick to another climber." The opinion polls have been

# Chirac's coalition is three seats short of majority

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The final composition of the political groups in the new French National Assembly gives the ruling right-wing RPR-UDF coalition 286 seats, three short of the absolute majority it originally said it needed before it would be willing to form a government.

Five of the 12 "Diverse Right" deputies who had been expected to give the new coalition their support have decided to remain unaffiliated. That does not necessarily mean that they will not vote with the majority, but it will make the task of the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, that much more difficult.

Official figures for the political groups in the new Assembly are: RPR 155 deputies; UDF 131; Socialists 212; National Front 35; Communists 35; non-affiliated 9.

The first important test of support for the Government will come after the Cabinet meeting next Wednesday, when M Chirac intends to call a vote of confidence after a speech outlining the Government's policies.

Most of the supporters of M Raymond Barre, former Prime Minister under President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, who were initially vehemently opposed to any "government of cohabitation", have now indicated that they will support such a vote. But the 35 National Front deputies have said they will "reserve their reply" while making it clear that they would vote against any attempt to restore majority voting in general elections.

The Prime Minister's office has already announced that enabling Bills to allow the

Government to bypass Parliament and legislate by decree on a return to majority voting and on a series of proposed economic measures will be put to the next Cabinet meeting, that is to say just before the vote of confidence.

M Chirac and his partners are not too worried, however. They note with satisfaction that M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the RPR candidate for the presidency of the National Assembly, was elected on the second ballot with an absolute majority, thereby avoiding a third and final ballot.

Ex-President Giscard d'Estaing is now left on the sidelines as a potentially critical observer of the increasingly RPR-dominated coalition. He is said to have nursed down M Chirac's offer of the Foreign Ministry.

Also on the sidelines is another potentially dangerous political "heavyweight", M Barre.

He may, however, no longer constitute quite such a threat to M Chirac as before last month's general election. Since his appointment as Prime Minister, M Chirac has sprung to the top of the opinion polls, outdistancing even M Barre who had held the pre-eminent position among right-wing leaders for the previous two years.

President Mitterrand has told M Chirac that he will send his promised "message" to Parliament next Tuesday, once the elections for the various posts in the new National Assembly have been completed and just before the vote of confidence.

# Five more arrested in Italian wine scandal

Taranto, Italy (Reuters) - A southern Italian wine producer and four other men were arrested yesterday by police investigating the deaths of 15 people who drank adulterated wine.

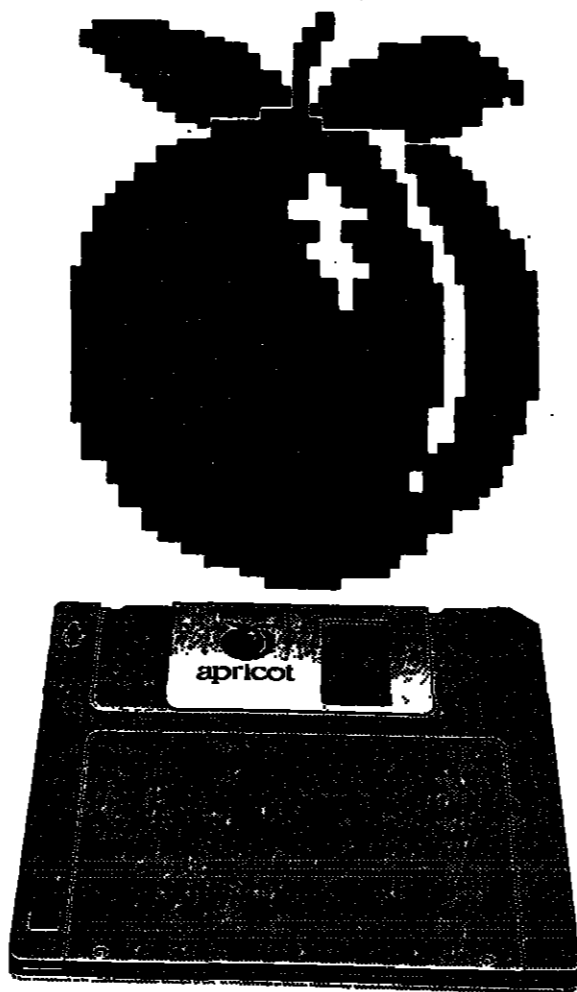
The arrests brought to seven the number of people held in connection with the wave of deaths caused by wine which was strengthened with methyl alcohol. An eighth suspect is being sought, police said.

Antonio Fusco, aged 54, who owns two wine firms in the town of Manduria, near Taranto, was held on charges of selling wine containing illegally high amounts of the chemical.

All five men have been warned that they could also face manslaughter charges.

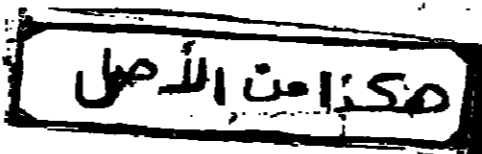
Yesterday, a 37-year-old woman from Albenga, northern Italy, died after drinking contaminated wine and swallowing tranquilisers. Only a post-mortem can determine whether she died from the effects of methyl alcohol.

# June 29th 1983



ACTUAL SIZE 3 1/2"

# Apricot introduced the first personal computer to use 3 1/2" disks



# Lange seeks to placate Paris but rejects compromise on agents

From Richard Long, Wellington

Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, is putting out strong feelers to Paris, saying he wants to improve relations with France after the Rainbow Warrior affair, but is insisting that there can be no deal on the release of the French agents jailed for their part in sabotaging the Greenpeace ship.

Mr Lange and his advisers are obviously hoping that the new Government of M Jacques Chirac will be in a position to mend fences. But sources in Wellington say all responses from Paris indicate that the release of the agents, Captain Dominique Prieur and Major Alain Mafart, is a prerequisite to improved relations.

A resumption of normal ties is of vital importance to New Zealand because some of its exports to France and the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia are being affected. Later this year New Zealand will negotiate with the European Community to continue its butter deal with the EEC.

To some extent, both prime ministers are captives of their

electorates and their own political rhetoric. M Chirac said last year that freeing the agents was a priority for France, and he would be prepared to use trade sanctions to secure their release.

But Mr Lange, for his part, would find it difficult to agree to their early release after his strong expressions of outrage over the Rainbow Warrior bombing and French attempts at a cover-up.

He recognized this himself when he told journalists that photographs of the agents sunbathing on a beach in the south of France would put a new government in office at the next New Zealand election. Polls have indicated strong public opposition to an early release.

Since the change of government in France, both Mr Lange and Mr Geoffrey Palmer, his deputy, have used every opportunity to express their wish for better relations. Mr Lange sent congratulations to M Chirac from Jakarta, while Mr Palmer visited Paris on a tour of Asia.

He emphasized the point in an interview with the French newspaper *Liberation* in Hong

Kong and the *International Herald Tribune* correspondent in Singapore. In radio interviews at home he said he would be ready to visit Paris in an effort to improve strained relations.

Sources close to Mr Lange said that visit, if agreed, could fit in with his planned trip to Britain, Ireland, Spain, Sweden and West Germany in May or June.

Mr Lange, however, has not said precisely what he has in mind for the agents serving 10-year sentences. He told *Liberation* all such sentences came up for review after three years, but this week he admitted he had been mistaken: the law had changed and such reviews were held after five years.

Since the French agents were jailed last year, this would tend to rule out a review until 1990 — a New Zealand election year.

New Zealanders still recall that Mr Lange initially said the agents would not be released in the term of his Government. The next elections are expected by September.



# Security women fell summit protectors

Muscular women from the Japanese Security Police (left) effortlessly felling burly male "attackers" to demonstrate the protection in store for seven world leaders at next month's economic summit.

The mock attackers, themselves members of the security police, lunged forward at a signal with parade-ground precision flourishing knives and pistols (Reuter reports from Tokyo).

In perfect unison the women deflected the weapons, seized their opponents by arm and throat and hurled them to the ground in front of the Akasaka State guest house, site of the summit from May 4 to May 6.

On parade were the 1,100 police officers who have been assigned to protect the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the United States and West Germany.

The 200 security police showed how they would fling a human shield round any leader the instant an attacker darted from the crowd.

A Japanese detective acted as stand-in for President Reagan to show the speed with which he could be transferred from limousine to helicopter. A policewoman briefly played the part of Mrs Thatcher treading the red carpet to the conference hall.

# Pakistan still against deal with Kabul

From Michael Hamlyn, Islamabad

The Pakistan Government firmly refused yesterday to talk directly to the Kabul regime about peace in Afghanistan despite progress reported in the indirect negotiations led by the UN Secretary-General's special representative, Señor Diego Cordovez.

The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, told Sir Geoffrey Howe that Pakistan's position on direct dealings was fundamentally unchanged, according to British officials.

The talks between the two foreign ministers were the first of a series during Sir Geoffrey's three-day visit. The bulk of the time was taken up with a discussion of progress towards an Afghan settlement.

Sahabzada Yaqub told Sir Geoffrey that the sixth round of indirect talks in Geneva in December reached an impasse because the Afghans were holding up discussion on the fourth and final instrument of agreement between the two until Pakistan agreed to negotiate directly.

This would be tantamount to legal recognition of the regime of President Karmal, and Pakistan reiterated yesterday that there can be no question of direct talks until the fourth instrument has been finalized.

In his last round of shuttle diplomacy, however, between Islamabad and Kabul last month Señor Cordovez said that he had a document from Kabul which outlined a timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Agreement on this would be a significant part of the fourth instrument.

Such information as has filtered out about the proposed timetable indicates that the Russians want the withdrawal of their troops to be spread over a reasonably long period — certainly more than a year — and some observers believe it may be more than two years.

A report in one of its leading English-language newspapers yesterday suggested that there had been something of a shift in the country's position on direct talks, but the Sahabzada firmly squashed any such notion in his talks with the British.

He said that the staunch support of the British Government had been of assistance in helping Pakistan maintain its position, despite the pressure

put on it to change by cross-border aggression from Afghanistan and internal disruption.

Sir Geoffrey said that Britain admired Pakistan's firmness and assured the Sahabzada of continued support.

He spoke of British concern about human rights in Pakistan, indicating particular worries over political prisoners and members of the Ahmadiyah sect, who have been forbidden to describe themselves as Muslims.

Sahabzada Yaqub declared unequivocally that there were no political prisoners in Pakistan and that all those imprisoned were entitled to due process of law. He assured Sir Geoffrey that all Pakistanis were entitled to freedom of religion.

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# Chile junta supporter murdered

Santiago (Reuter) — The leader of a pro-government political party was killed by gunmen as trouble flared in the Chilean capital, the northern mining city of Calama and two other provincial cities.

The killing on Wednesday night came at the end of a day of disturbances in which at least 50 people were arrested across the country. Seven others, including three policemen, were injured in the unrest.

Señora Juana Flores said her husband, Señor Simon Yevenes, aged 42, was shot by a man in uniform from the door of his shop in a poor district of southern Santiago while two uniformed accomplices waited outside in a pick-up truck.

Señor Yevenes was a community leader of the Independent Democratic Union, a right-wing political movement which strongly supports President Pinochet's junta.

# Bolivian teachers take to streets

From John Enders, La Paz

The teachers' strike and educational crisis in Bolivia took a turn for the worse this week. President Victor Paz Estenssoro's Government declared vacant the positions of the 75,000 striking public sector teachers, and they and



President Paz Estenssoro: Action against teachers

university students took to the streets here amid tear gas barrages from the security forces.

The situation threatened to deteriorate into outright street violence and is the main social and political problem confronting the hard-pressed civilian government.

Public sector teachers are demanding three to fourfold increases in their salaries but the Government has refused, saying the bankrupt national treasury has no money.

Classes should have begun the first week of February, the traditional start of the school year, but there are no signs of an early settlement.

By declaring the jobs vacant, the Government has opened the door to new applicants willing to work, but whether they can fill the 75,000 vacancies remains to be seen.

# India revives attempt to mollify Sikhs

Delhi — The Indian Government, trying to mollify Sikh resentment, has picked a new commission to identify Hindi-speaking areas in Punjab to give to neighbouring Haryana state in exchange for the town of Chandigarh (Kuldip Nayar writes).

The commission, headed by the Indian Supreme Court Justice E.S. Venkataramiah, has been given a month for the task.

# Manila to bring Marcos charges

From Keith Dalton, Manila

The Philippines Government will file criminal and civil charges within two months against deposed President Marcos to recover an estimated \$5 billion (£3.4 billion) he is believed to have hidden in Swiss bank accounts.

The Swiss, who last month froze withdrawals from his six accounts, have urged the quick prosecution of the former president, warning that the unprecedented freeze or-

der is only temporary.

Mr Jovito Salonga, chairman of Manila's Commission on Good Government, said the mere filing of charges under the country's Corrupt Practices Act could set aside Swiss laws and lead to the eventual return of the assets to President Aquino's government. He said a civil suit could be tried in absentia.

Mr Pedro Yap, a commission member who conferred with Swiss authorities in Bern

last month, said he took advice on how the commission could challenge Switzerland's very strict bank secrecy laws.

● Barricade lifted: Several thousand militant strikers early yesterday lifted their barricade at America's Subic Bay Naval Base, 50 miles north-west of Manila. 24 hours after they had refused to accept their union's order to return to work.

# China may strengthen Soviet link

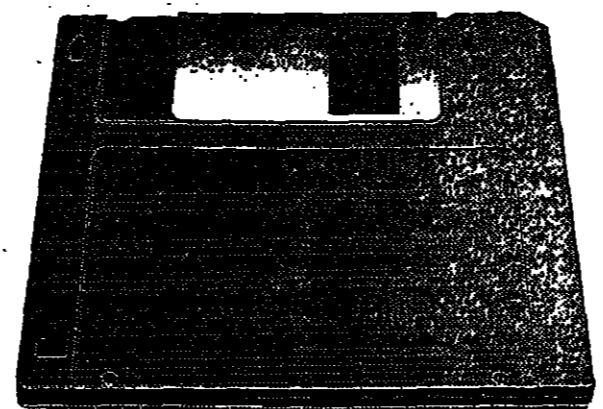
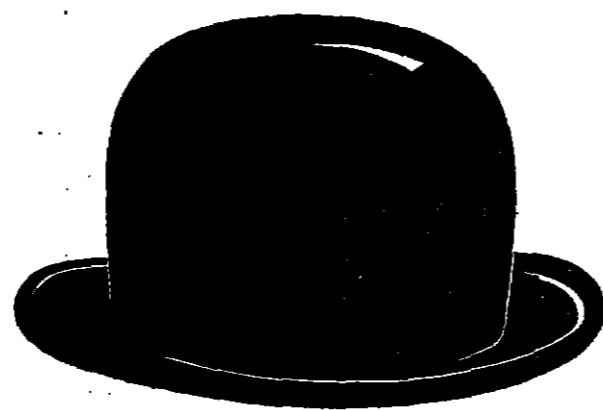
Peking (Reuter) — China signalled fresh economic links with the Soviet Union yesterday, saying both sides were discussing working together on nuclear power technology.

The Vice-Premier, Mr Li Peng, giving a rare press conference, said nuclear power co-operation was suggested last month at a Sino-Soviet meeting in Peking.

Western diplomats said the disclosure indicated closer economic relations between the two communist powers despite a long-standing ideological rift.

Mr Li said: "Co-operation with the Soviet Union (on nuclear power technology) is not on the agenda yet. It will be decided after study by the group."

# April 2nd 1986



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# Seems like the idea is catching on



On April 2nd, International Business Machines Corporation announced a new computer using dual 720k 3 1/2" disks and 3 1/2" disk drive attachable to the new XT and AT personal computers.

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# A cutting edge to a hard sell

Blades are being sharpened once again in the annual war of the mowing machines but, as Torin Douglas reports, both sides seem to have changed their angles of attack

Jonathan Swift were writing today, the chances are that Lilliput would have gone to war not over the proper end to break an egg but the right way to mow a lawn.

Over the past six years, the real life controversy over which way a lawnmower's blades should rotate (cylinder or rotary) has been every bit as heated as the fictional dispute between the Big-endians and the Small-endians.

The two protagonists - Qualcast, in the green livery, and Flymo, in the orange - have conducted one of the most public and acrimonious battles ever seen between two businesses in Britain, matched only by the recent takeover hostilities in the City.

They have criticized each other's products in television commercials and press advertisements, then reported each other to the advertising standards authorities. They have challenged each other to duels on the lawn, then run ads featuring the press cuttings that favoured them.

One firm has questioned the safety of its rival's products, the other has levelled accusations of "bad taste" and "desperation tactics".

Yet both companies have also responded to each other's attacks in a more positive way - by adapting their product range to meet the criticisms. To the outside world it looks very much as though both sides, having exchanged heated words, are now having to eat them.

Qualcast, champion of the traditional cylinder mower, which started the lawnmower war in 1980 with its aggressive slogan "It's a lot less bover than a hover", now sells rotaries alongside its cylinders. Flymo, the inventor of the hover, which once claimed that leaving clippings on the lawn was good for the grass, is selling hovers that collect the grass.

Now the blade has come full circle. With Easter week marking the start of the new mowing season for Britain's 15 million lawns, Flymo has announced it is to attack Qualcast in its most sacred area - the traditional striped finish. Having once dismissed stripes as unimportant, claiming that most people wanted ease rather than an immaculate finish, Flymo is this season

launching a rotary mower that produces stripes.

Flymo's marketing director Geoff Harrop recognizes the apparent contradiction. "We conduct market research each year to find out what the customer regards as the most important features when choosing a lawnmower, and year after year the key features are ease, lightness and speed", he says.

"A good finish comes well down the list. Nevertheless, we recognize that there is a section of the market that wants stripes and what they stand for - a good cut - so we have developed a rotary mower that provides that.

The new model is called the Chevron and the stripes are produced by a roller at the back. Even with the cylinder mowers, it's only the roller that gives you the stripe, pushing the grass one way and then the other," says Harrop.

The Chevron is a wheeled rotary mower. In effect it is first cousin to the hover with its single blade that spins round parallel to the ground, like a helicopter rotor. But unlike the hover it is supported by wheels rather than a cushion of air. The cylinder mower, of which Qualcast's Concorde and Suffolk Punch models are the best known, is the traditional lawnmower: its blades rotate in the direction the mower is being pushed, cutting the grass against another blade, like a pair of scissors.

Last year, the hovers - or air cushion rotaries - accounted for 43.5 per cent of the 1.3 million powered mowers sold in Britain, according to figures from Flymo. Cylinders took 29.9 per cent and wheeled rotaries 26.6.

This year Flymo is not merely collecting the cuttings (with the Sprintmaster, which really does "Hoover" up the grass) but also offers stripes. Flymo is promoting both benefits this month in a campaign drawn up by its new advertising agency, Saatchi & Saatchi. The new commercial uses speeded up film and the Dick Barton music with Frank Muir uttering the new copyline "Why slowmow when you can Flymo?"

It is not a knocking campaign, however. "We think we've got enough to say about our products, without any need for knocking",



Harrop says. "We don't believe we've promoted our grass-collecting hovers strongly enough yet, and we mean to put that right this year."

Not surprisingly, Qualcast is quick to pour scorn on Flymo's change of tack. "You can draw your own conclusions as to who has been proved right", John Copper, their marketing director, says.

"Five years ago, they said you didn't need to collect the grass because it formed a mulch that was good for the lawn. Now they're offering stripes - the emotional tide is running in our favour."

Nevertheless, the fact that Flymo has set out to meet its critics makes life considerably harder for Qualcast. It has had to move away from its "lot less bover" approach and turned its attention to safety, introducing a range of rotary mowers with plastic blades (it calls them "orbitals"), which will not cut through a shoe or a power cable.

Flymo has responded by offering a choice of metal or plastic blades with its hover mowers, maintaining it is the only company offering grass collection and a plastic blade in the same mower. Qualcast replies that safety should not be a bolt-on extra, and this year its advertising is once again focusing on safety.

Despite the confusion caused by the battle and its apparently trivial nature, which has tended to obscure the fact that millions of pounds and thousands of jobs are involved, many would

argue that it is the customer who has been the major beneficiary of the lawnmower war.

"The competitive nature of the market has benefited the consumer because we have had to look at making our products better and more cheaply", Harrop says.

"We have had to find out what people really want from a lawnmower and then develop a product that meets those requirements."

Having said that, both Flymo and Qualcast admit that for all the millions they have invested in new products and advertising over the past six years, one outside factor has had far more of an influence on lawnmower sales than all their efforts put together - the weather.

Last year's warm, wet summer boosted sales by more than 15 per cent.

## £100 MILLION BATTLE FOR THE BACK GARDEN

What is described as the world's first "three in one lawncare machine" is to be launched this month by Britain's biggest lawn mower firm, Birmid Qualcast, which claims to have sold over half of the country's domestic mowers last year.

Qualcast has developed a lawn trimming attachment for its Concorde REX cylinder mower which, in conjunction with its existing kit for converting the Concorde into a powered lawn rake, makes it the first mower to offer three separate functions.

The gardening equivalent of a food processor, it is

the latest development in the mower manufacturers' bid to market the garden as an outdoor extension of the house - a bid that goes back 20 years to the days when Flymo, a subsidiary of the Swedish Electrolux group, came up with the concept of "Hoovering" the lawn with a hovermower.

Qualcast is this year promoting the garden as "The outdoor lounge". Flymo prefers to describe it as "An extension of the living room". Either way we are expected to spend some £750 million on furnishing and fittings this year, of which £100 million will be spent on lawnmowers.

# Laws without frontiers

The European Court of Justice is proving to be a powerful force in changing the way Britain's legal life is run

As the Council of Ministers in Brussels issues an ever increasing stream of laws and directives regulating our daily lives, the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg is stepping out of the supporting cast of EEC institutions and into the limelight - most recently with the successful case brought by Helen Marshall on the raising of the retirement age for women in Britain.

It does so perhaps a little reluctantly, given its workload, but with the confidence that comes from taking awkward decisions about power in the EEC and the rights of both individual citizens and nation states.

The 13 judges who have the task of forcing European governments to change their ways look far from daunted by their role. They sit inside a modernistic concrete building in a bleak park of futuristic Euro-complexes high on a hill above the cobbles and gables of the tiny Grand Duchy's capital. The modern setting is appropriate: the European Court is shaping the Europe of the future.

The Luxembourg court is not to be confused with the European Human Rights court in Strasbourg. The job of the Court of Justice is to protect and interpret the Treaty of Rome, the EEC's founding document, and subsequent amendments.

The process is slow, written proceedings are followed by oral hearings, after which one of the six advocate generals gives an opinion. Months later comes the verdict, which usually follows the view of the advocate general, a figure drawn from French legal tradition.

A number of key figures at the court are British, and several recent dramatic cases have involved Britain. Most cases brought to Luxembourg are either referrals from national courts, where a point of EEC law is at issue (as in the case of Miss Marshall), or direct actions brought by the commission, sometimes on behalf of individuals.

The court cannot fine or imprison entire governments, but in practice all EEC governments accept the Luxembourg verdict and alter their own laws. EEC law has primacy over national law. Retirement age apart, recent prominent cases have included Britain's case against the European parliament over the budget, barriers on the Continent against British insurance companies, and Stanley Adams's successful fight against the pharmaceuticals giant Hoffman La Roche.

Most issues have to do with the creation of a Europe without frontiers or internal trade barriers, a process boosted by recent EEC reforms. Britain inherits the re-

form process in July when it takes over the EEC presidency for six months. Britain's high profile at the court might be seen as a potential problem for Lord MacKenzie Stuart, the president of the court and a Scottish high court judge, and for Sir Gordon Slynn, the senior advocate general, a high court judge (Queen's Bench) and former president of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

Lord MacKenzie Stuart ruled in Britain's favour last month over the EEC budget dispute, and Sir Gordon gave an opinion beneficial to Britain in the insurance case. But both men - and the registrar, Paul Hein, who is also British - stress that national interests take second place to European interests.

"If a British interest is at stake I always double check to make sure I am being dispassionate", Sir Gordon says. "The court needs all its wisdom and authority to meet the demands made on it as EEC law grows more complex. Last year 433 new cases arrived at Luxembourg, compared with an average of 300 in previous years. The last EEC summit proposed a new court of first instance to sift cases, but this would add to the costs as well as slowing things down even further."



Helen Marshall: Breaking the retirement age barrier

As Sir Gordon Slynn observes, the EEC has to accept that Lord Denning was right to speak some years ago of the "incoming tide of EEC legislation". "Denning also said rightly that we must learn to be amphibious. EEC law, after all, is what governs the lives of all of us in Europe."

When the court resumes later this month after the Easter recess, it will have to rule whether Air France and other airlines have the right to fix fares and routes, or whether the controversial Treaty rulings on free competition. The case, which could open the way to American-style de-regulation, will reveal to what extent British companies are aware of the importance of EEC law and its growing impact on Britain. In the recent insurance case at least half a dozen German companies sat in on the hearings, but not one British insurance company came to hear Sir Gordon Slynn's judgement.

Richard Owen

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# An Aquino for Pakistan?

Is Benazir Bhutto about to become the Corazon Aquino of Pakistan? Like Aquino she aims to use "people power" to restore full democracy to a country just beginning to emerge from eight and a half years of martial law. Many believe she will succeed.

Early on Thursday morning Miss Bhutto, 32-year-old daughter of the executed former prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, will make a triumphal return to Pakistan from exile in Britain. Shortly after her arrival in Lahore she plans to address a mass rally which is expected to attract hundreds of thousands of her supporters. This will be the first step in a campaign to force President Zia ul-Haq to hold an early general election (well before the one planned to take place in 1990) which Miss Bhutto is confident her Pakistan People's Party would win by a landslide.

Miss Bhutto, looking cool and relaxed in her aunt's London flat despite hectic last-minute preparations for her return, is full of admiration for Mrs Aquino. "She showed tremendous tenacity, sagacity, courage and intelligence. She handled the situation very well. I hope I will also be able to do the same in Pakistan."

Unlike Mrs Aquino, who became politically involved only after the murder of her husband three years ago, Miss Bhutto learnt her politics at her father's knee and went on to read politics at Oxford and Harvard. Her father's execution in 1979 forced her to take on his political mantle, and although she has spent most of the time since then in detention, under house arrest or in exile, she is recognized as the only opposition leader in Pakistan capable of defeating the present government in a free election.

Her father's execution, on questionable evidence of conspiracy to murder, remains a motivating force behind Miss Bhutto's determination to lead the PPP to an electoral

## Benazir Bhutto's return to Pakistan next week will test General Zia's vaunted commitment to democracy to the limit

victory. "It's not so much that it was my father who was executed but the man who the people had chosen to be their prime minister", she explains. Paradoxically, the opportunity Miss Bhutto now has to restore full democracy to Pakistan has been created by President Zia, the man who sent her father to the gallows. He has held the country in the grip of a military dictatorship since seizing power in 1977. At the beginning of this year he lifted martial law and introduced a system of semi-free, semi-democratic civilian rule. However, ultimate power will reside with him until elections are held in 1990.



Triumphant: Benazir Bhutto

"Zia says there is now democracy in Pakistan. I say, let's prove it", Miss Bhutto says. "I believe we could restore full democracy so long as the present government allows full political activity and free elections."

She denies she is seeking a confrontation with the government. "We don't want agitation or a breakdown of law and order - Above all we want to avoid a situation that would prompt the army to

seize power again. All we want is to be able to hold public meetings peacefully."

When President Zia declared "non-party" elections last year as part of a gradual phase-out of martial law, Miss Bhutto called for a boycott because she suspected - rightly, as it turned out - that the new government would have severely limited powers. She remains deeply sceptical of President Zia's motives, particularly as there are still restrictions on political parties.

The ban on the PPP has been lifted since the party agreed in February to submit its accounts for inspection. However the party has refused to register, as it is supposed to do if it wants to contest an election, because the small print of the electoral allows the electoral commissioner (a Zia appointee) to ban a political party at any time and arrest its leaders without right of appeal.

"This means that on the eve of an election he could just apply the axe to us", she says. The PPP is challenging the registration restrictions in the courts.

Miss Bhutto is clearly taking a risk in returning to Pakistan. When she went back last year to attend her brother's funeral she was put under house arrest for three months on grounds of "national security". President Zia has said that no restrictions will be placed on her this time - although there is little reason to believe he will keep his word if he feels she is becoming a serious challenge to his authority.

Despite years of repression, the PPP still has widespread support around the country. When martial law was lifted in January, PPP flags and photographs of the former prime minister immediately went on

display again. A recent party rally attracted over 100,000 people.

Although she is only half his age, Zia faces a formidable opponent in Miss Bhutto. She is not just the daughter of a popular prime minister, but has considerable political and oratorical skills of her own. Furthermore she is unopposed by any association with a regime whose rigid Islamization policies have become increasingly unpopular.

"Besides", Miss Bhutto wryly observes, "1986 is proving a bad year for dictators. I just hope that President Zia sees the writing on the wall and agrees to move aside gracefully."

Nicholas Ashford  
Diplomatic Correspondent

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# Alone in the home

**Should parents who leave their young children unattended be prosecuted?**  
**Heather Kirby investigates a legal loophole**

The scene: a coroner's court. Inside, an inquest into the deaths of children killed in a fire at their home where they had been left on their own. Outside, a crowd of women wait to scream abuse at the mother and father or lone parent they consider to blame for the tragedy. What happens next as far as the law is concerned is usually - nothing.

Academics and lawyers say the legal position of parents who leave their children at home alone is uncertain. "Abandonment" or "wilful neglect" has to be proved before either a care order or a criminal conviction, so parents who nip to the supermarket or even the pub are doing nothing illegal by leaving their children alone. While there is an army of specialists trying to protect children from all kinds of cruelty, there is precious little being done to guard them against careless or irresponsible parents.

At a recent seminar on child abuse, the child care law was described by a county council social services director as a "labyrinthine maze". Currently the DHSS is collating hundreds of recommendations for a comprehensive child care law review after a consultative document last October. Mr Dennis Walters, MP, is sponsoring a private member's Bill which he hopes will clarify the complex care order procedures; there are presently more than 20 different routes for taking children into care.

At the same time, the Lord Chancellor is conducting a feasibility study into family courts, which will take over responsibility for neglect cases. Nowhere, however, is any attempt being made to lay down the law about the problem of unsupervised children and parental responsibility.

Michael Freeman, professor of English Law at University College, London, said: "The law is very hazy; there are really only rules of thumb because the law finds it very difficult to cope with omission. If a child were abandoned in a place where it was bound to be found, like a bus shelter, that would not prove neglect. And where a technical offence is committed, there is no point in prosecuting. Gormless parents have to be acquitted anyway and the maximum sentence is only two years so nothing can be achieved."

Leaving children alone regularly could be construed as



Wendy Hale

neglect, and the NSPCC received 2,431 referrals of such cases between October 1983 and September 1984. "We find that a warning to the parents is normally enough, and if it continues we take action, such as a care order," said a spokesman. "But we could never push for a law because there are so many ifs and buts which would have to be built into it. For instance, what is the time factor? What is the age factor?"

Proof that there is widespread confusion over the question is borne out by the Law Society, which gets a regular stream of inquiries from estranged spouses convinced the partner with custody is neglecting his or her parental responsibilities.

## Children of eight or nine are out till 11 at night

"But leaving the children on their own is not an offence per se," said Valerie Cooney, of the Law Society. "According to the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, anyone who exposes the life of a child to injury or permanent damage to his health would be guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to up to five years' jail. The Children and Young Persons Act, 1953, says that any person aged 16 or over who has the custody of a child and wilfully abandons it, causing unnecessary suffering or injury to health, is liable to a two-year prison sentence."

In 1983, 115 children aged under 14 died in fires at their homes and 1,319 were injured, but it is not known how many were on their own at the time. Nor are there figures for other tragedies, like Leonie Keating who was abducted and murdered while she was unattended.

Of course, there can be no measure of the amount of psychological and emotional damage done to children left alone, especially at night. Although experts argue there is no point prosecuting parents after the event, that they have been punished enough if their children are harmed, there is not much justice in the argument from the children's point of view.

Having a strict law that no child under the age of 14, could be left alone in a house would not, in the opinion of Jill Knight, MP, chairman of the all-party family and child protection group, deter parents from doing so. "You see children of eight or nine out until 11 at night, which is a form of neglect as serious as leaving them alone, but there is totally against nature."

"I question the belief that a mother whose children die when she is out has suffered enough. Is it the case that she is suffering? It is uncaring to leave her children regularly anyway. A woman who is prepared to knock a kid off before it is born is liable not to bother that much about one when it is."

That image of the uncaring mother - and it is usually mothers who still shoulder

most of the responsibility for the safety of their children - is of little help to the police, who have to decide whether or not to prosecute on all the evidence available. But a spokesman did agree that a law would not necessarily be a deterrent. "We have laws to prevent burglary, but they are on the increase," he pointed out. "I think a better awareness of the dangers would be more useful."

## 'We aim to improve the home not punish the parent'

Judith Burt, an advice worker for Gingerbread, is one of many who think the problem is social rather than legal. "We are more concerned with improving the home situation than punishing parents," she said. Some recent tragedies have involved single mothers, although during the teachers' strike incidents of children being left alone must have increased considerably.

Parents with money can buy themselves out of the difficulty, but for the less well-off it can be a nightmare. For one parent, 47 per cent of whom live on the bread line, a babysitter is a luxury; if they want an evening out, the only option is to take a risk. No union would stand for their 24-hour day, seven-days-a-week regime. A similarly crushing burden is felt - again mostly by women - by people who have to look after elderly relatives.

In an age of preventive medicine, it seems there is a gap in the market. Even the Church of England, in its *Faith in the City* report, neglected the problem. No one, for example, suggested setting up teams of volunteer minders to help the people who desperately need a few hours a week respite.

Child care law has always been about maintaining a delicate balance between the rights of children and the role of the family, with the need for state intervention to be clearly justified. One of the principal recommendations made by Mr Lewis Blom-Cooper in his report on the Jasmine Beckford case was that social workers should receive more training to deal with children at risk. Carers are hoping that cash will be found to follow his guidelines.

What no one ever seems to talk about is training for prospective parents. A child might wish that to be the starting point.

# Everything you wanted to know about birth control

Patients' questions about contraception are so legion and their problems so diverse, that some may stump the non-specialist doctor. Typical of the questions recently asked in a gynaecology clinic was: "Should I discontinue the Pill before I have a laparoscopy?"

The definitive answer is that this is unnecessary as the incidence of deep vein thrombosis is negligible after this minor procedure. But a woman due to have her varicose veins dealt with should stop the Pill for at least a month before having varicose veins operated on or injected and resume taking them only after the leg is unbandaged.

A man asked: "Why can even comparatively few sperm in semen after a vasectomy result in a pregnancy whereas a man with a similar sperm count in other circumstances would be considered infertile?"

The answer is that a low sperm count usually indicates faulty spermatogenesis, signifying that not only are they few in number, but also of very poor quality. After vasectomy the sperm, although progressively diminishing in quantity, are of normal quality and capable of fertilization.

These questions, and 797 others, are tackled in a concisely written book, *Contraception, Your Questions Answered*, by Dr John Guilleband, a London gynaecologist and medical director of the Margaret Pyke Centre.

One question deliberately left incompletely answered is the one asked more frequently than any other: "Will the Pill cause breast cancer in young women?"

Dr Guilleband concludes that the data on the use of the Pill for women in general is uniformly reassuring, but he intends to wait for the result, expected at the end of the year, of the large Oxford study comparing 800 cancer victims under 35 with matched controls before committing himself about the absolute safety of the Pill in very young women.

Meanwhile young women can take comfort from the results of an eight-centre study in North America from Georgia, Atlanta. In this project, when 2,083 women under 45 who had developed cancer of the breast were compared with a similar con-

## MEDICAL BRIEFING

### Finger injuries

The accident to The Prince of Wales's finger has spotlighted injuries of this kind. As the blood and nerve supply to a finger runs along both sides of the bone, a crushing blow is unlikely to result in the loss of the finger unless it was delivered with such force that the arteries were completely destroyed.

A quick glance round a group of farmers will show that while many have lost fingers, or parts of them, the injuries are usually consistent with farm machinery accidents in which the arteries and nerves have been severed.

Nailbeds are frequently damaged by a heavy blow; recovery is not always complete and thereafter the nail may be irregular. It is difficult to assess the degree of recovery which will take place until a new nail has grown.

### Blind drunk

When comparing the addition of methyl alcohol (methylated spirits) to Italian wines, the earlier action in Austria of adding ethylene glycol (antifreeze) to their table wine in sweetening, seems comparatively benign.

Whereas ethylene glycol in the low concentration found in a bottle of adulterated wine would be dangerous only if drunk in huge quantities, even small amounts of methanol, in susceptible people, cause lasting damage to the nervous system including irreversible blindness from destruction of the optic nerve.

As it is reported that some of the Italian wine was contaminated by 10 per cent

methylated spirits it is not surprising that the death rate has reached double figures and many more are in a coma.

Some people will be blinded by as little as two teaspoonfuls of 40 per cent methylated spirits; others will suffer no more than an upset stomach after drinking several pints.

Guests of a dinner party host who has failed to follow the DHSS advice - to discard all Italian wine bottled by Vincenzo Odore or any cheap Italian table wine recently brought back by travellers which was perhaps purchased in a small grocer's store (rather than a proper duty-free shop) - may find that 18 to 24 hours after a jolly evening's drinking their tender eyeballs develop an intense burning pain made worse by exposure to light.

Thereafter vision will be obscured by flashes and snowstorms until the unfortunate guests start to notice progressive tunnel vision, with the visual fields slowly contracting until blindness supervenes. Accompanying the eye symptoms will be all the usual effects of a severe hangover, which in cases of severe poisoning, can lead to coma, respiratory failure and death.

### Doctor in trouble

In the past general practitioners often spent time drinking copious cups of tea or coffee with their patients as they discussed their worries.

They would chat over a cuppa with the grandparents and aunts who intended to help with the confinement and surreptitiously assess the strengths and weaknesses of the household into which the baby was going to be born.

If the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology* is to be believed, the doctors were encouraging their patients in an undesirable, possibly even harmful - habit for a recent research project in Connecticut has shown that moderate to heavy users of caffeine containing drinks (tea and coffee and, being an American study, Coca-Cola too) are more likely to have late miscarriages.

Dr Thomas Stuttgart

# The girl in the picture

**Helena Bonham Carter, who stars in two films this year, owes her big break to a photograph in a society magazine**

When Helena Bonham Carter was 14 she found an agent. She was not particularly interested in acting, but everybody in her gang at South Hampstead High School for Girls had one. Helena was the last person anybody expected to act since she was famously shy, but this year she will be seen in two films. She plays Lucy Honeychurch in the Merchant Ivory production of E.M. Forster's *A Room With A View*, and Lady Jane Grey in Trevor Nunn's *Lady Jane*, chosen for the Royal Charity Premiere in aid of the Prince's Trust on May 29.

In time-worn movie star tradition, Helena's face launched her career. Trevor Nunn saw a picture of her in *Tatler* magazine, dressed in Pre-Raphaelite mode, velvety and palely loitering. He was about to cast the role of Lady Jane and eventually, unable to find anyone to bear that image, he telephoned her while she was staying with a friend in Florence. "I thought that was rather flashy," she recalls with a self-mocking smile, "so I went to see him. There was a lengthy auditioning process. My looks were suitable but he did need to verify, extremely thoroughly, that I could act."



Shy girl inside govt: Helena Bonham Carter

Lucy, the pivot of his and Ismail Merchant's highly evocative and faithfully adapted *A Room With A View*, is a spirited Edwardian miss, brought up among the conventions of stockbroker-belt England. It takes a trip to Italy, where she is exposed to all manner of unsettling and un-British goings-on, to activate an internal battle between her expectations and emotions.

Ivory's first reaction was that Helena looked too young for the part. "He had seen me as Lady Jane, who is 16, while Lucy is meant to be 20," she explains. "Nowadays there are so many of you that they cast you for what you actually are, not necessarily for your acting ability."

The shy Helena refers to in the best of young actresses flitting in and out of today's film world. She is clear-headed about the possibility of being merely flavour-of-the-month. "This early success thing is interesting. It's very dreamlike being cast instantaneously but the point is, what happens next? Instead of being at university where all my contemporaries are, I'm having to supply my own motivation and discipline. It's not the same life as theirs. I'm doing my learning time in front of everybody. It's very exposing."

She sits in a vast armchair, curled up like a mollusc, and then uncurls her legs and lets out an uninhibited laugh. "On *Lady Jane* I was a great deal less terrified than I was when I started *A Room With A View*. Ignorance was bliss. On the second film I was intimidated by the knowledge of what I had to learn."

small waist that has been exposed by period dress. Nothing to do with her, she says: it's all the work of the wardrobe. "You can fully understand why females have been so fixable over the last centuries. You can barely breathe. You can barely eat. All you can do is sit still and look wonderful."

Another vivid impression of filming was the endless waiting. "I realized quickly that you couldn't afford to become involved in a book as you never knew when you would be needed. Old pros like Maggie Smith do crosswords or embroidery."

Now she's waiting again - this time for both films to be released here. The American publicity caravan has taught her a little about what is ahead and she's not sure how much she likes it. "Why, as an actress, are you expected to have anything of interest to say? There is, of course, the problem of being misquoted, but worse," she says with one of those laughs, "of not being misquoted and making a complete idiot of yourself."

Equally tiresome to her is the litany of her lineage, great-granddaughter of Herbert Asquith, grand-daughter of Violet Bonham Carter. "It makes me sound like a Crufts winner and also encourages typecasting. It doesn't take being upper-class to phone up an agent at 14. You just send in a photograph of yourself - and your vital statistics."

Alexandra Shulman  
*A Room With A View* (PG) opens on April 11 at the Curzon Mayfair (01-489 3737). *Lady Jane* opens to the public at the ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, London (01-838 3279) on May 30.

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# THE TIMES DIARY

## Steel's secrets

A classified Nato document has come into the hands of Liberal leader David Steel after being picked up from the hall table of a hotel in Newquay. It gives details of a Nato exercise off the Cornish coast between March 18 and 20 involving the RAF, the Royal Netherlands Air Force and the US Navy and Marine Corps. The document was found by a Liberal supporter whose accompanying letter to Steel contains some acid comments on Nato security. Steel, who has been out of the country, is expected to raise the matter with the Defence Secretary, George Younger, today. An MoD spokesman said there would be an immediate inquiry. He expressed surprise that the document had been sent to Steel instead of being handed in to the police.

## What's my line?

There is now a variation on the cabbie's cry: "Guess who I had in the back of my taxi." It is "Guess who was driving." Fred Housego, who became famous after winning *Mastermind* but was dropped from his regular Friday night slot on London Weekend Television at Christmas, is back driving a cab. Housego, a Labour supporter, has not lost his gift of the gab and at union meetings is a vociferous supporter of the miners' case against Heathrow's 50p taxi levy. Philosophical about his fall from fame, he admits he would return to the screen like a shot if asked: "I'm as greedy as anybody else. TV pays in 20 minutes what most of us earn in a week."

## Waiting for Ego

We are about to be engaged in celebrations marking Samuel Beckett's 80th birthday on April 13. Faber are publishing a special edition of his plays on that day. BBC's *Bookmark* is devoting an edition to him. *Books and Books* is granting him the cover story and the national qualities are planning major features. So whatever happens do not tell anybody that his birthday is not this month at all but on May 13. He pretends it is a month earlier because that would mean he was born on a Good Friday that fell on the 13th. Ho-ho, very absurd.

## Nothing like it

Ken Thompson, chief press officer for Channel 4, rang the *Daily Telegraph* information service the other day to ask if Iris Murdoch, to whom he was writing, had been made a dame. "She was born in Dublin of Anglo-Irish parents, came the reply. "That's interesting, but is she a dame?" repeated Thompson. "A dame? I thought you wanted to know if she was Danish."

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"Poor devil, only yesterday he was running an oil company"

## Falling for it

We were almost treated to the spectacle of Miriam Stoppard interviewing pregnant men on Yorkshire Television's *Where There's Life* after an April Fool joke in *Cosmopolitan* magazine. Its article about three men in Minnesota who were expecting tube babies later this month appeared under the byline Lori Fopel - an anagram of Lori Foul, and was just one of a series of giveaway jokes. Yesterday morning, a week after the magazine came out, programme researcher Mark Seagar rang to ask for further details. "Some bizarre things happen in the States. They've made male baboons pregnant, so why not men?" he said.

## Son of Zion?

An underground group of Libyan democrats, the London-based National Front for the Salvation of Libya, says it can add evidence to support reports in Israeli papers that Gadafi's mother was Jewish. One of Gadafi's former aides, Omar Mahashi, who defected in 1975 and is now languishing in a Tripoli prison, has claimed that an Italian priest who had dealings in Libya during the Italian occupation wrote to Gadafi in 1970. In his letter he said he knew of Gadafi's Jewish blood and begged him to use his background to help bring harmony to the warring religious factions. An NFSL spokesman says: "It was the priest, apparently, who suggested that Gadafi was the son of a Jewish lady raped by an Italian soldier in Sirt. To avoid scandal, the priest recommended that the baby boy be placed in the custody of Bunsamiar Gaddafedam, Gadafi's assumed father." If the letter existed (outside Mahashi's imagination) I hate to think what Gadafi's reply was.

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# The high stakes of sacrilege

Roger Boyes reports on Poland's anguish over a theft that highlights the illegal traffic in holy relics to the West

Warsaw — They are praying hard in Polish churches during Holy Week this year — harder than usual. Special masses were held throughout the country, especially in the ancient town of Gniezno, west of Warsaw, for the return of one of the holiest and most valuable church treasures in eastern Europe, stolen by a gang of grave robbers. The theft of the large, exquisitely etched silver mounting from the tomb of St Adalbert (also known as St Wojciech) set both the Catholic bishops and the government into a frenzy of activity. A ransom of half a million zloties — two years' average income, but still only a small fraction of the real value of the work — was put up in the hope of attracting an informer. Top detectives were put on the case and have arrested three men and a woman. But though the police found smelting machinery in the garage of the thieves' apartment in Gdansk, the fate of the silver engraving, made by a master craftsman three centuries ago and weighing about 32 lb, is still uncertain. The prayers, and the interrogations, continue. The furore over the theft is understandable. St Adalbert is a symbol of Poland's Christian heritage and of its early claims to statehood. Originally Bishop of Prague, Adalbert was exiled and arrived in Poland in 997; from there, with the support of the Polish evangelizing monarch Boleslaw the Bold, he started to Christianize the Prussians, who soon put him to death. Boleslaw bought the body from his killers and entombed it in Gniezno cathedral, where it became a focus of pilgrimage and a symbol of the

fact that Christianity came to Poland from the Slavic east rather than from the west. Adalbert became an important factor in integrating the tribes that created the Polish state. His remains are safe, still wrapped and sealed in a metal box. But the thieves pulled off the lifesize image of the prone Adalbert and six eagles (their wings, broken and chipped, were found in the Gdansk apartment). The blow to Polish pride can be measured not only in the intensity of prayer this past week but also in the anger of letters written to the authorities demanding that the thieves be executed. Who could be behind the crime? There seem to be two possibilities: either this was a run-of-the-mill group of criminals who, not realizing the real value of the Adalbert tomb, intended to melt down the silver, or they were hired by a western collector.

This latter possibility has exposed a sordid seam in the underworld of East and West. It is an open secret that thousands of icons have been making their way to the West. Looted from empty or unguarded churches in Russia, Belorussia, the Ukraine and Poland — one Orthodox church in eastern Poland has been stripped of 150 in six separate burglaries — the icons are smuggled to Vienna, West Berlin or Scandinavia. There, if they are of poor quality, they are restored, retouched and sold as fashionable

interior decorations. Those that are genuinely old and attributable are sold to collectors at high prices. Now it emerges that a great deal of Catholic church art has also been making its way to western dealers and collectors. Colonel Jan Swieczynski is the main art treasures detective in Poland, a scholarly man who studies western collectors' journals with some interest. He quotes, as an example of the cynicism of western art pirates, a specialist West German antique journal: "The eastern (that is East European) market of art masterpieces and antiques still contains certain valuable reserves. For a long time attempts have been made to mobilize these reserves and bring them to the West — sometimes successfully. Ways and means are complicated. . . . But ways and means can usually be found. The main customers appear to be in West Germany. There was the recent case of a former Polish citizen living in West Germany who advertised his services as a go-between. Having won a lucrative commission for paintings from a Michal Willmann altar — Willmann is known in Poland as the "Silesian Rembrandt" — he in turn subcontracted a gang of Polish burglars. In all such thefts everything depends on the competence of the contracted thieves and the speed with which the stolen goods can be sent to the West. In this case, the police managed to trap the bur-

glars — loose talk in a bar — and retrieved four of the paintings. But three had already been smuggled to Cologne. The detection rate in subcontracted burglaries is relatively high. Between 1981 and 1984 there were 2,398 thefts from churches andatories and two out of three thieves were caught. But the retrieval of the stolen works is much more difficult, with the police recovering only about 20 per cent and then often only cheap silver awaiting treatment in illegal smelters. Sometimes the authorities turn up a stolen masterpiece by luck — a Van Dyck was once found hidden on a train to East Germany. Detectives searching for the Adalbert treasure have done the rounds of the several known fences on the far side of the Vistula, in the rundown part of Warsaw known as Praga, and all the law-abiding silver dealers throughout the country. They have come up with only a few clues. But, in any case, if the theft had been a special commission from the West, it would most likely have avoided the usual channels.

The Adalbert affair is a matter of great embarrassment to the church leadership. The millennium of Adalbert's arrival in Poland is approaching, a red letter day for the Catholic church in Eastern Europe, and Gniezno is in the heart of the archdiocese of Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish primate, who was having talks with the Pope in the Vatican at the time of the theft. Perhaps the prayers and the ransom offered to the underworld will save Adalbert's silver. But the chances are slim.

## Howard Davies is unconvinced by Owen's angling for Tory votes

# For Iron Lady read Tin Man

David Owen has taken to heart the familiar conceit that he could be the next "Conservative" prime minister. His latest book, *A United Kingdom*, is an attempt to claim that succession.

Billed as an "argument and a challenge for a better Britain", it is clearly targeted at the wavering Conservative, and not simply at the closet social democrats in the Tory party. Owen is going for the hard core of Mrs Thatcher's support, for those who admire firm government, uncompromising stands, and economic realism — Centre Forward would be at outside left in Dr Owen's Britain. There is nothing subtle about the approach. His version of the history of the miners' strike — demonstrating that he alone stood firm throughout against Arthur Scargill — "serves to nail the lie that only Mrs Thatcher and the Conservatives can give firm leadership". Owen and the Conservatives, we are asked to believe, would do just as well.

More artful is the exploitation of Conservative worries about industrial policy and, in particular, about the government's apparent willingness to countenance foreign takeovers in the name of privatization. While leaving his own views on Westland and BL clouded in obscurity, he articulates a common yearning — seen notably in the House of Lords select committee report on overseas trade — for a coherent industrial strategy against which individual cases can be judged. The attitude of Tory backbenchers to the projected BL deals with Ford and GM revealed high anxiety about the government's intentions. Why, they asked, did the government not play the patriotic card — a joker assumed to be dealt to all Conservative prime ministers.

The target is well chosen. But does he hit it? Does Owen have anything to offer the mainstream Tory voter who shares these concerns? On the evidence of *A*

*United Kingdom* the answer must be no. It is an unconvincing agenda, long on analysis and short on practical politics. He tries to anticipate this line of attack. For him, "the specific measures are nowhere near as important as the underlying analysis. If we could only obtain a greater consensus on the need for more private investment, how this can be achieved would become a more technical than political question."

This cavalier dismissal of most political and economic controversy to technical questions which "Wrightsworth or some other member in the Treasury can settle is more silly than dangerous. But the 'underlying analysis' is more seriously flawed. His doomsday chapter entitled National Decline is not helped by some elementary errors of fact. We learn, for example, that the standard of living in Puerto Rico and Taiwan is "almost on a par with ours". Yet the World Bank reports our GDP per head is just over \$9,000, with Puerto Rico and Taiwan at around \$2,500. His macro-economic arguments are also flawed. They are based on the premise that a consumer boom is in prospect at the expense of industrial investment and growth. Yet the events of the past three months, with a collapse of the oil price and falling interest and exchange rates, create the most favourable climate for industry for many years. Investment and exports are generally forecast to grow more rapidly than consumer spending.

The errors are, however, less important than the shape which emerges of the SDP approach to the economy. In many areas it would differ little, if at all, from this government's strategy. Though Owen tries to claim that employee share schemes and wider share ownership more generally are Alliance inventions, elsewhere even he acknowledges that significant progress has been made under Mrs Thatcher. Owen wants a participative industrial democracy. Conservatives call it popular capitalism. Here we are in the realism of broad marketing — of distinction without difference. But there is another side to his coin: an interventionist impulse which translates into incomes policy, massive increases in regional aid, huge export subventions, and the other paraphernalia of corporatism and protection. Incomes policy is the centrepiece. But precisely which form Owen would adopt is unclear. He canvasses a range of foreign exemplars, an inflation tax linked to profit sharing, a quite different "payroll incentive" for companies which increase their labour force, and, for the public sector, a complex comparability scheme which puts the Clegg pay awards in the shade. Nor does he advance any plausible



Owen: an unconvincing agenda, long on analysis but short on practical politics

argument as to why incomes policy would work in the future any better than it has done in the past. His own belief that it would rest on one simple proposition. Incomes policy will be "underpinned" by "the emergence of a new political consensus based on proportional representation". It seems that if a government is approved by a clear majority of voters its policies will be followed without question or demur.

This is not so. Opposition to incomes policy or, indeed, to trade union legislation, has not been driven by a feeling that the decisions of a government elected by a mere 44 per cent of the electorate were illegitimate but rather by the desire of particular groups to defend their short-term financial interests. The democratic purity of the single transferable vote will not change these calculations in the slightest degree. Owen has a jejune belief in the power of government to influence economic life. In his view "the fact that Italy in 1985 surpassed the UK in its standard of living implies that the quality of Italian government is better than ours". President Botna would be delighted to have this test applied to the continent of Africa. But most other political leaders recognize some limits to their power and influence over the economy.

Changing attitudes within British industry to a long-term process. It can be assisted only by a government prepared to work with the grain of the market, not against it. In the past five years we have returned to a growth path that matches or exceeds that of our main competitors. David Owen's interventionism, founded on a mysterious political alchemy, would put into reverse the beneficial adjustments that have already been made.

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## Boom town denied the chance to grow

Cambridge is Thatcher country. She has pinned her hopes for economic recovery on small business, high technology and sunrise industry. In most of a Britain still dominated by the declining industries of an earlier era there are few signs of such life. In Cambridge her vision unfolds. A year ago there were no fewer than 350 small high-technology businesses in the city, increasing by between 30 and 40 a year, involved in electronics, telecommunications, scientific instruments, bio-technology and computing. The firms are not mere branches of multinationals and despite their small size and youth — more than half were established during the past 10 years — they account for nearly 20 per cent of employment in the Cambridge area. Extrapolating their present birth and survival rates, employment can be expected to grow rapidly.

Cambridge is, in short, rather like Victorian Manchester. It displays all the characteristics of a booming entrepreneurial economy. And what has made it grow is simple: the raw material necessary for high technology industry is brainpower, and Cambridge University is a leading scientific centre. But the mere availability of academic excellence cannot explain the boom in enterprise; after all, the academics could just as easily spend their time pursuing arcane research projects within the university's laboratories. A recent study by Segal, Quince and Partners shows that this university, has created, partly by accident, an environment that facilitates contact with industry. Faculty mem-



Cambridge: cloistered calm that has spawned a proliferation of high-tech industries — but now held back by planning restrictions

bers can enter business yet retain their posts and university salaries, so minimizing the risks involved. Cambridge University has traditionally had a variety of loose and flexible contractual relationships with its staff, with less attention than is usually paid to formal job descriptions. They have been comparatively free to decide how they spend their time and whether to engage in outside work. In applied sciences especially there is a natural presumption that staff will take on consultancies and other outside employment. All this has helped create in Cambridge a university network of business and social contacts so strong that a study of company histories showed that the university has been the origin, directly or indirectly, of most of the new high-tech firms.

But growth is now threatened. Cambridgeshire County Council has a Structure Plan, produced in the late 1970s, and approved by the Environment Secretary in 1980, dictating that Cambridge shall not boom. It is identified, to use the planners' jargon, as an area of policy restraint on population growth. That means that present plans will not meet the full demand for housing in the city. Following the principles of a plan for Cambridge written in 1950 by William Holford, the County Council wishes to protect the city's physical setting; it wants to preserve long-distance views of the city and countryside beyond. In line with this, it is seeking a further extension of the green belt around the city. The Structure Plan, as revised, will release 150 acres of land on the city's out-

skirts. But meanwhile the green belt is to be extended and development on it will be prevented until the year 2000 at least.

The city says there is probably enough land for new roads and houses if the present rate of house construction continues. But if it increases the planners admit that the land supply will be insufficient. Whether there is enough land to accommodate the expected increase in the city's population is unclear. The results of such planning are evident. There is a shortage of suitable scientific and computer staff in Cambridge. With the price of a three-bedroom terrace house now between £65,000 and £100,000, that is not surprising. As things stand an unemployed technologist living in the north, able to raise £35,000 from his existing home, would need to find an additional £30,000 to £65,000 to move to Cambridge. Even if he decided to postpone his move, the situation is unlikely to improve. According to the House Builders' Federation, the extension of the green belt will mean that all available land for new building will be used up within three years. The arguments for protecting the environment in Cambridge are strong. Equally powerful are the arguments for allowing the city to grow. We cannot afford to hold back the Cambridge effect. What would have become of us in the 19th century if our ancestors had chosen to sacrifice growth for conservation in Manchester, Birmingham or Leeds?

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# David Watt Clouding the basic issue

Most comment on the Soviet call for a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty — and its rejection by President Reagan — has been made in the context of East-West diplomacy and propaganda. Will the row wreck the Washington summit? Will Moscow score points in the battle for European public opinion? These are important questions, but they overshadow the substance. It is an agreed end to underground testing, together with a stronger prohibition on testing in space, a realistic aim? Would it really be a dangerous restriction on the development of vital technologies, as the Americans allege? Would it actually slow down the arms race, even if the superpowers could agree on it?

This kind of question looks straightforward enough, but in fact is quite complex. Consider what ought to be a relatively simple, as well as an absolutely central one: what, today, are nuclear tests actually needed for? I have hawked this question round quite a wide range of people who are supposed to be expert, and have received an equally wide range of answers.

At one end of the spectrum are those who say that any country that wants to be taken seriously as a nuclear power needs to test. Unless you can test, they say, you are not only depriving yourself of the opportunity to make yourself more secure, you cannot even be sure that your existing stockpile of weapons is not deteriorating. According to this thesis, testing is inseparable from possessing nuclear weapons; until you abolish the latter it is preposterous to try to abolish the former.

On the other wing are those who maintain that today so much is known about nuclear weapons that nobody needs to test. The superpower stockpiles are so immense that such marginal deterioration as can be estimated is easily detectable and repaired, is easily sustainable. The state of the nuclear armourer's art is now so advanced in the US and the USSR that almost any form of nuclear weapon which can be conceived on the drawing board can be manufactured with an acceptable degree of certainty that it will function properly without having to be tested. Israel, which almost certainly possesses nuclear weapons, has never tested one.

Between these poles of opinion — scientific and military on both sides — it is impossible for the layman (including most commentators and politicians) to adjudicate. The military and the defence scientists want to be certain of their weapons and it is a natural human desire, if one has toys, to play with them. On the other hand, the arms control enthusiasts in the scientific community are bound to underestimate the technical uncertainties. And without technical expertise how are decision-makers to say whose bias is the greater?

The answer is that most politicians believe in particular experts who tell them what fits in with their policies. The British political debate on this issue is bedevilled by such uncertainties. Admittedly Labour's position on nuclear testing is at least logically consistent since, if Britain has no

nuclear weapons, as Labour intends, there is no need to test them. But Mrs Thatcher is in a quandary. When she first came to power in 1979 she reviewed the situation in the light of her nationalist instincts and wrote an advisory memorandum making clear that she believed the military arguments for testing and was totally opposed to a comprehensive test ban.

Unfortunately this was at odds with past British policy, especially the Foreign Office view, which had been rather in favour. The result has been a characteristically hypocritical British compromise whereby the reality — that the Prime Minister intends never to sign a comprehensive treaty — is fudged in public by the presence that what she cannot stomach is that the Russians will not agree to proper verification. If the verification problem is solved, is one cry it might be, she will be in a pickle. Similarly David Owen, a long-standing advocate of a comprehensive ban, chooses to believe those scientists who tell him that the SDP's policy of developing a British sea-launched cruise missile as an alternative to Trident (possibly in collaboration with the French) could be achieved without testing. He, and they, may be right; but so may the experts who say it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to devise or adapt a suitable warhead for this relatively untried purpose and be sure it worked — that is, without trying it out.

The answer, perhaps, is to focus at the thing another way and consider the most extreme consequences for good or evil that might flow from a treaty. The pluses would be some further improvement in the East-West climate, and possibly a mild though inconspicuous restraint on non-nuclear powers such as India and Pakistan from pursuing their nuclear weapons development. On the other hand the arms controllers are debarred from believing a treaty would make more than a marginal difference to the superpower arms race. For if, as they argue, testing is superfluous, then the chances are that the superpowers will calmly go on developing their weapons systems without testing.

Similarly, those keen on President Reagan's Star Wars initiative would be disappointed that under a comprehensive treaty the potentialities of the X-ray laser could not be so easily explored, but their displeasure should be tempered by two facts: (a) that the X-ray laser can be explored to a considerable extent without nuclear testing and (b) that in any case it probably won't work.

An extra-terrestrial arbiter might well conclude that there is a strong balance of advantage in favour of a treaty banning nuclear tests in the outer atmosphere because of danger to the global environment. But he would probably pronounce that in the case of underground tests the advantage is small and mainly symbolic. In these circumstances he would tell us not to lose too much sleep over Soviet opportunism, and US intransigence, on this issue, and to concentrate our energies and hopes on the balanced reduction of our wastefully bloated nuclear arsenals.

## moreover... Miles Kington

# Eyeways and byways

Richard Ingrams is leaving *Private Eye* to edit a new version of the *Shell Country Guides* — Yorkshire is already finished and Oxfordshire is being done now. But as the editorship of the *Eye* is the only job Ingrams has ever had, you will not be surprised to learn that it has heavily affected the style of the new *Shell Guides*, as these extracts from the Oxfordshire work demonstrate.

Great Oxford Boreas of the Past, No 86... of course, the really clever bloke at New College was the Rev Spooner, he invented the spoonerism which is when you swap the front bits of words to make a new phrase, it's really clever, his most famous one is "Kilminster. Kings their titles take", though personally I never thought that very funny, I like the one where he said that the Lord is a shoving leopard, do you get it? What he really meant to say was the Lord is a loving shepherd, another one is where he said that the cat fell off the roof and popped on its paws, instead of dropped on its paws, though I suppose it all seemed funnier when he was alive.

Cheltenham Corner, on the Duke of Marlborough's victories. Blenheim was a doddle, Rowleyites were quite hard, but when he won Malplaquet, Everyone Oudenarde!

A Doctor Writes. "Sometimes patients are referred to the suffering, what is called an Oxford education. This disease lasts about three years, sometimes four, and the normal symptoms are staying up very late, consuming vast overdoses of instant coffee, talking incessantly about God, sex and politics, and a marked distaste for any kind of normal work. In severe cases it may lead to delusions of self-importance, sexual over-activity and rowing along rivers trying to hit the boat in front of you. Basically, it is just a form of retarded infantile activity and should clear up by itself. Occasionally, however, the disease lingers into adult life, where it

takes the form of refusing to leave Oxford (becoming a don) or persisting in editing county-type mags (running *Private Eye*). There is no cure for either form."

E.J. Thrill: Lines on the death of Maurice Bowra. So Farewell, Maurice Bowra, head of Wadham. A curious name, Wadham, but not as odd as Bowra, I asked Keith's mum if she knew anything about it. She said she thought that *A Morris Bowra* was a car made by Lord Nauffield. Can this be right?

Dear Bill. I don't know if you read that I had been offered a Fellowship at All Souls, which M was furious at seeing it as a further insult after she had been refused an honorary doctorate by the city of smugness spires. But I insisted on accepting it, seeing it as a chance to get away from the Downing Street birdhouse, so the Major and I set off for the day along the A40 towards Oxford. First stop, as you can guess, was the old Ragged Staff at Nuneham Stradford, where we got so memorably sloshed in 1965 do you remember Arthur doing his length of the pond and being savaged by polo-fighter? After that I'm afraid, we took the wrong road and never got to Oxford, ending up instead at the Three Jolly Stockbrokers in Reading. (Continued in the *Shell Guide to Berkshire*.)

Apology. In the *Shell Guide to Yorkshire* we said that the Vikings had looted and desecrated the City of York, committing rape and pillage. Following a court action by the Danish government, we now recognize that there was no truth in this malicious story and that the Vikings established a responsible and caring township. We would like to apologize to all Vikings and have agreed to pay an appropriate sum to the Danish Foreign Office.

Handwritten note: "I don't know if you read that I had been offered a Fellowship at All Souls, which M was furious at seeing it as a further insult after she had been refused an honorary doctorate by the city of smugness spires. But I insisted on accepting it, seeing it as a chance to get away from the Downing Street birdhouse, so the Major and I set off for the day along the A40 towards Oxford. First stop, as you can guess, was the old Ragged Staff at Nuneham Stradford, where we got so memorably sloshed in 1965 do you remember Arthur doing his length of the pond and being savaged by polo-fighter? After that I'm afraid, we took the wrong road and never got to Oxford, ending up instead at the Three Jolly Stockbrokers in Reading. (Continued in the Shell Guide to Berkshire.)"





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# EDUCATIONAL SABOTAGE

Which teacher organization a few years ago was condemning O Levels, and agitating for the abolition of the existing pattern of school examinations at 16-plus? Which teacher organization this week endorsed O Levels and all existing arrangements for 16-plus by promising to sabotage their replacement? The answer is of course the same. The National Union of Teachers, sometime advocate of educational reform, scourge of "elitist" examination boards, propagandist for a comprehensive scheme of examinations to match the organization of the secondary schools, is turned agent of educational reaction.

It has pulled out of the air a figure for the cost of the new examinations, which happens to be a quintuple of the Government's sum. No negotiation. No room for recalculation. No consultants' reports to back up the reasoning. In this atmosphere of industrial militancy, the interests of children go by the board.

The union's perennial claim to professional remuneration for its members is lessened. It is not so much the content of its arguments, for of course there is a cost in terms of books and training attached to the new examination and there is no reason to believe the government got it exactly right. It is the procedures the NUT now adopts to put its case: unilateral action mere months before tuition for the new examination begins in earnest. There are two questions to be asked in the wake of the NUT conference. One, the more pressing, is about the fate of the General Certificate of Secondary Education.

It has been a top-down reform rather than one grown organically out of the life of the schools and their assessments of achievement. Yet it has been one curiously at odds with other educational priorities. Where, for example, is the connection with the Government's simultaneous concern about standardizing the curriculum of the secondary school. The GCSE reform has been insulated entirely from the debate about introducing into the schools some greater awareness of the industrial and economic circumstances in which we live. The telling question is what relationship exists between the GCSE and the Technical and Vocational Education Initiative.

GCSE stood, and despite having by Sir Keith Joseph, still stands for the worst of both worlds. It appears to compromise the academic standards of O level while not introducing into the curriculum the vocational and technical component needed to rescue the secondary education of pupils in the lower reaches of the ability range. There is an argument, in other words, for looking again at the examination reform, and at its timeliness.

But now the NUT has thrown down a gauntlet, and the issue also becomes one of management of the education system. That means, in so many words, "doing something" about the NUT. The basis of the pay dispute has been the demarcation of teachers' responsibilities, and the possibility of better pay once those duties had been defined. Now the NUT has made the

question explicit. If teachers cannot be required to undertake specified tasks such as preparation for an examination as laid down by their employers, then educational anarchy looms closer than it has at any time during the past eighteen months of discord.

Action in the first instance must come from the local education authorities. But the Government's priority is clearly to construct a teachers' contract, the breach of which will be an unambiguous action, for which penalty will be exacted. There are those who will say now: let the Government treat the teachers as recalcitrant trade unionists and procure wholesale dismissals. That is no option. There are thousands of school children, fourth-formers this year, who in September are due to start GCSE courses.

To call the teachers' bluff and carry on would be probably to subject schoolchildren to disruption and enervating uncertainty. The alternative course is to suspend the operation of the new exams. That would be a defeat, but one far better than bowing the knee before this Easter militancy and bribing the teachers — and repay them for the heat of their seaside rhetoric. The next steps are subtle. They encompass means of minimizing the influence of the NUT, the reconstruction of pay negotiation and bargaining over conditions of service in such a way that the militants are undermined. The specifying and voting at this week's conference has made it clear that the NUT has abandoned any claim to a responsible role in the running of the schools.

## Essential skills for jobs at top

From the Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford

Sir, It was a pity that a constructive series of articles on Whitehall should have been rounded off by a confusing leading article (March 27).

I do not know whether "reform is now in reverse," but I am sure that the achievement of the reforms that are needed will depend on a clearer understanding of the relationship today between Westminster and Whitehall, and between Ministers and Civil Servants, than the article provided. That relationship is at the heart of the difference between Whitehall and the private sector.

It is difficult to judge whether the "boundary between politics and administration" can be redrawn and "polished" without revolutionary changes, without knowing the details of what is proposed; but the essential test would be whether giving Civil Servants "greater discretion to manage the business of government" would significantly limit the accountability of Ministers to Parliament or damage the mutual confidence between them and their officials.

It then goes on to argue that the Government must preserve grammar school standards and copy the independent sector by various proposals, including a voucher system and an expansion of the voluntary aided sector. He even introduces the concept of "schools fixing their own teachers' pay, which would be the greatest recipe for chaos."

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## Seeking a road to school reform

From the General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers

Sir, The article by Ronald Butt on March 27 under the heading "Why Sir Keith should go now" reveals disappointing shallowness of thinking on the part of such a distinguished journalist. There can be no doubt that there is a need for a fundamental reform in the education system but the proposals outlined by Ronald Butt are almost totally irrelevant to the major issues which the Government resolutely refuses to tackle.

I agree that there is far too much bureaucracy in the maintained education system and there can be no doubt that we need to give a good deal more power and responsibility to the schools themselves. However, to take as one's model either the voluntary-aided sector or the independent sector as the answer to all our ills is to deceive the parents and all others who are rightly concerned about their children's education.

Ronald Butt believes that because there is a high percentage of voluntary-aided schools at the top of the ILEA "league table" on examination results, then that proves that this must be the case throughout the country.

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the lines laid down in the article but we are entitled to expect better from this Government and I doubt if it would be quite so politically naive as to interpret the concern about education policy highlighted by the opinion polls as meaning that the public aches for a return to the grammar school/direct grant school system.

The best way in which this Government can demonstrate that it intends to "start on the fundamental reform of education" (to quote Ronald Butt) and to answer the understandable worries held by parents and others about the education system is to urgently reform the provision for the 14-19 age group and to produce a coherent policy on education and training for all.

It really is time that we started to take a leaf out of the book of our major industrial competitors and began to produce a well educated and well trained cohort of young people so that we can make the earliest possible start on narrowing the gap that so patently exists between us and other industrialised nations.

Such a policy, when implemented by a new department of education and training, would rightly consign the sort of ideas set out in Ronald Butt's article to oblivion which is quite frankly where they belong.

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## ON THIS DAY

APRIL 4 1913

On February 19, 1913 a 7lb bomb exploded in the house of Lloyd George at Walton Heath while he was in the South of France. He was then Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mrs Emmeline Pankhurst (1858-1928), the militant leader for women's suffrage, accepted responsibility for the act. She was imprisoned in Holloway jail and went on a hunger strike. After 12 months she was released, and then re-arrested 12 times under the notorious "Cat and Mouse Act". The outbreak of war in 1914 ended suffrage agitation and prison sentences were remitted.

## MRS. PANKHURST SENTENCED THREE YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE

A Disorderly Scene in Court. The trial of Mrs. Pankhurst on the charge of inciting certain persons unknown to place an explosive in a building at Walton, Surrey, with intent to destroy or damage it, was concluded at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. Mrs Pankhurst, who conducted her own defence, was found guilty by a strong recommendation to mercy, and Mr Justice Lush sentenced her to three years' penal servitude. She had previously resisted her intention to plead strenuously the prison treatment until she was released.

A scene of uproar followed the passing of the sentence. A number of women repeatedly shouted "Shame" and in the excitement which followed the voices of male sympathizers joined in the demonstration. There were ironical cheers, and a woman's voice struck up "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr Justice Lush uttered an indignant protest against such behaviour and warned the demonstrators that, unless the disorder ceased, he should have the Court cleared. This rebuke, however, fell on deaf ears, and the police, amid continued uproar and the singing of the "Marseillaise," removed those responsible for the disorder. Mrs. Pankhurst, who had meanwhile stood calmly in the dock gathering up her papers, was vociferously cheered on leaving the Court for the cells. It was some time before quiet was restored, and the Judge warned those who made the demonstration that unless they desisted he should commit them to prison.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Speech. Mrs. Pankhurst said she did not desire to give evidence or call witnesses, but she addressed the jury in her defence.

She had pleaded "Not guilty" to the indictment because in it she was described as having "wickedly and maliciously incited" women to do certain acts. She was not a wicked or a malicious person—neither were any of the women who responded—if they did respond to her incitement. Therefore she felt herself justified, although she accepted responsibility for all the speeches she had made, in saying that, looking at what she had done she was not guilty of having "wickedly and maliciously incited" women to break the law. It was a very serious thing when a large number of quite respectable, ordinary, and naturally law-abiding people of upright lives came to hold the law in contempt. All good government rested on the acceptance of the law and respect for the law, and women of intelligence, training, and upright lives had for many years past ceased to respect the laws of this country.

Mrs. Pankhurst, proceeding, said that whether the sentence was long or short, she should not submit to it. The moment she left the Court—if she were sent to prison, whether to penal servitude or to a mild form of imprisonment—she would quite deliberately refuse to eat food. She would join the women in Holloway who were already on "hunger strike." She would come out of prison—dead or alive—at the earliest possible moment, and once out, as soon as she was physically fit, she would enter into the fight again. Life was very dear to them all. She did not want to commit suicide. She wanted to use the women of this country enfranchised and to live until that was done. They offered themselves as sacrifices, as their forefathers did in the past. Had the jury the right to condemn another human being to death?—because that was what it amounted to. Could they throw the first stone? Had they the right to judge women? The horrible evils ravaging civilization would never be remedied until women got the vote.

"Hunger Strike" Threatened. Mrs. Pankhurst said that whatever sentence was passed upon her she would do all that was humanely possible to terminate it at the earliest possible moment. She had no sense of guilt. She felt she was doing her duty. She would take the desperate remedy that other women had taken. The struggle would be a very unequal one, but she should make it as long as she had an inch of strength left in her. She would fight, and fight, and fight from the moment she entered the prison. She would struggle against overwhelming odds, and she would resist the doctors.

## Of shoes and ships...

From Mr Pat Adams. Sir, Surely A.P. Herbert said it all in his lines on the President of the Board of Trade: This high official, all allow, Is grossly overpaid. There wasn't any Board, and now There isn't any trade. Yours faithfully, PAT ADAMS, Savage Club, 9 Fitzmaurice Place, Berkeley Square, W1. March 31.

## THE JUDGEMENT OF DR WALDHEIM

A year ago it would have seemed inconceivable that a former Secretary General of the United Nations could have had a less than unblemished past. The checks on any candidate for such a post are so rigorous, the documents consulted so numerous that no one with any skeleton to conceal would even have submitted himself for election in the first place. Or so it was thought.

Credulity would have been breached still further if the name of Dr Kurt Waldheim had been mentioned in this connection—a man who, while at the UN, became famous (some would say notorious) for the dull probity he brought to the job. Yet it is Dr Waldheim, in particular his war record, which is now under scrutiny.

The question originally posed was this: Was Dr Waldheim involved, however indirectly, in the deportation of Greek Jews from Salonika while serving with the German army in the Balkans in 1942? And if he was involved, even peripherally, should he be eligible for public office—not for the UN post from which he has already retired, but for the Presidency of Austria to which he now aspires.

The accusations, made originally by the World Jewish Congress, have split international opinion. They have also split Jewish opinion, with the renowned Nazi hunter, Simon Wiesenthal, protesting Dr Waldheim's innocence. In recent weeks archivists from Washington to Belgrade have been combing their records for references to Waldheim and the Balkan deportations. And yesterday, Dr Waldheim was moved to produce alibis for his good conduct in the Balkans for the benefit of assembled journalists in Vienna. But still the picture is unclear.

What is clear, perhaps all that is clear so far, is that a part of Dr Waldheim's past is missing. The gap relates to a period when the extant records show him to have been serving in the Balkans, a time and a place associated with some of the less savoury episodes of the second world war. But the coincidence of these facts cannot in itself be held to damn the former UN Secretary General.

Where he does stand condemned is in his apparent disregard of the problem until now. Questioned about the omission of the disputed period from his autobiography,

he gave the less than ingenuously reply that a full account of his life would be too boring. And he has since been unable to come up with any satisfactory explanation, let alone documentation, that would clarify his wartime activities. Indeed, the available evidence suggests that he concealed the fact that he had served in the Balkans. Such a lack of judgement is no recommendation for a man who is putting himself forward for election as a statesman.

This omission is particularly unfortunate, however, for a man who would represent Austria on the international stage. Many would feel that, while Germans—East and West—have gone a long way towards expiating the sins of their Nazi past, Austrians have maintained a disturbing ambiguity towards their recent history. Austria needs a president whose integrity is beyond reproach. This is why it is so important that Dr Waldheim should account for his conduct fully, even though it relates to a period more than 40 years removed from the present. If he cannot do so, he should stand down: not as a recognition of guilt, but for the sake of his country.

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Yours faithfully,  
M. WYNE-PARKER,  
The Lodge,  
Saxlingham Thorpe,  
Norwich,  
March 27.

## Sunday trading

From Mrs Elizabeth Yonge. Sir, With the furore over the deregulation of the Sunday trading laws, why have the Churches and others stayed so silent about the increasing secularization of Good Friday?

Yours faithfully,  
ELIZABETH YONGE,  
53 Chancery Road, SW6,  
March 26.

## Moves to Rome

From Mr Michael Wynne-Parker. Sir, I am encouraged to read that his Holiness the Pope "expresses his fundamental doubts about the possibility of rational advances in the field of ecumenism," referred to by Mr Beckwith (March 25). Ecumenism is similar to utopianism and both, as popularly understood, have much to answer for. Both, in my view, are undesirable, unrealistic and dangerous.

They are undesirable, as the outcome of both would diminish individual development. They are unrealistic, as history shows that enforced collectivity quickly leads to further dissent. They are dangerous, as their exponents, consumed with desire for One World or One Church, come to regard dissenters as foes to be reckoned with.

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## Return of Eros

From Mr Derrick L. Bowler. Sir, Whilst admiring the newly refurbished figure of Eros in Piccadilly Circus I was concerned to observe that the leg on which he is poised appeared to be slightly out of the perpendicular. I wondered whether this was (a) a natural position for a body to assume when aiming an arrow whilst poised on one leg and therefore part of the artistic merit of the piece, (b) a slight error by those responsible for the refurbishment and reinstatement of the statue, (c) a necessary "bias" to overcome a structural problem associated with the distribution of the weight of the statue.

I would be interested to hear from those of your readers qualified to comment. Yours sincerely,  
DERICK L. BOWLER,  
82B Windmill Lane,  
Greenford,  
Middlesex,  
March 25.

## Hospital pressures

From Dr R. L. Bown. Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Maurice Sutton (March 21), ascribes the current financial inadequacies of the NHS to consultant over-spending on high-tech equipment, but nothing can be further from the truth in most district general hospitals.

Last week the consultants here spent some hours agonising over the current state of 12-year-old operating theatre tables which are falling apart. The repair of each costs £4,000 and replacement some £8,000, and there is money for neither. This is not high-tech medicine but merely the basic tools of the trade!

The main factor causing the over-spending of the NHS is the ability of modern medicine to treat conditions hitherto untreatable, albeit expensively. Antibiotics for patients with cystic fibrosis for instance, which was previously fatal, add upwards of £5,000 to our yearly budget and this is not financed. Similarly, road traffic accident patients with multiple fractures and head injuries can be kept alive where previously they would have died.

Overwhelmingly, however, the

## Sirte recalled

From Sir James Cable. Sir, History is nowadays out of fashion, but a smattering does make international relations easier to understand. David Watts would have been puzzled (his article in *The Times* of Good Friday) by the action of the Sixth Fleet against Libya if he had remembered what every American schoolboy used to know.

One of the many exceptions to his strange choice of 1917 as the

## Signals to the East

From the Head of the News Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Sir, There is no doubt that the need to use the BBC Russian Service is as great as it has ever been and I gladly join *The Times* in congratulating the BBC on its 40th anniversary. However, I should like to take issue with a couple of points in your editorial, "For listeners in the East" (March 24).

It may be a familiar misconception but it is simply not true to suggest that Bush House has appeared regularly at the top of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office cost-cutting list. In the last six years there has been a real increase of over 30 per cent in the total grants-in-aid to external services, including a real increase of about 20 per cent in the allocation for current expenditure on broadcasting. Broadcasting levels have risen

aged need more treatment, both individually and in entirety, and in the last two weeks I have sent patients of 80-plus for pacemaker insertion and a 76-year-old for a heart operation which would not have been thought possible even five years ago.

Unfortunately, the methods advocated by the Griffiths report, whilst applicable to commerce involved in a profit and loss situation, do not extrapolate to the NHS, where the service must be kept going irrespective of financial considerations. They have merely caused the sacking of our district authority chairman—the "resignation" of our district general manager and an inability to find consultant members willing to take on chairmanship of the consultant staff committee or membership of the district management team.

Consequent lack of morale amongst staff is now being reflected in a fall in the number of patients that we are able to treat. Yours faithfully,  
R. L. BOWN,  
Frimley Park Hospital,  
Portsmouth Road,  
Frimley,  
Surrey,  
March 25.

year "when the US first came on to the world stage" was the campaign of 1803-4 which the United States Navy conducted against one of Colonel Gadaffi's predecessors—Yusuf Karamanli, Bashaw of Tripoli. The American grievance then was much the same: Tripoli was a nest of pirates.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES CABLE,  
8 Essex Close,  
Cambridge,  
March 28.

from 711½ to 727½ hours per week during this time, the Russian service in particular rising from 34½ to 46 hours per week. By comparison, the Diplomatic Service's own financial resources, excluding aid, have fallen by some 4 per cent in real terms over the last five years, while the overseas commitments and responsibilities of the FCO have increased. This has inevitably led to the closure of a number of our overseas posts.

Jamming is a major problem for the Russian service. We regularly raise it with the Soviet Government bilaterally (at ministerial and official level) and in multilateral fora. One element of the present £100million capital programme for increased audibility for the external services involves boosting our signals to the USSR. Yours faithfully,  
C. J. R. MEYER,  
News Department,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office, SW1.  
March 25.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 3: The Prince Andrew left Heathrow Airport, London this morning for Gstaad, the Bahamas where His Royal Highness will attend a dinner/dance in aid of the Gordonstoun American Foundation.

Square Theatre where Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Roger Bramble). Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.
KENSINGTON PALACE
April 3: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, arrived at Clarence Station in the Royal Train this morning.

Lesson in classic economics

By Philip Howard
In his presidential address to the Classical Association of Scotland and England in Glasgow, Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange, scolded the British educational system for its attitude towards industry.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Donell and Miss A.C. Williamson
The engagement is announced between Dane Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Dame Douglas, Busbridge Lakes Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire, and Andrea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Slabbert, 14 Park Crescent, Twickenham.

OBITUARY SIR PETER PEARS Celebrated tenor of Britten operas

Sir Peter Pears, CBE, the singer and one of the founders of the Aldeburgh Festival, died suddenly yesterday at The Red House, the home in Aldeburgh he shared for three decades with Benjamin Britten. He was 75.



Peter Pears as Peter Grimes in 1973.

His arrangement into suitable form for musical setting. Between the years 1943 and 1945 he was a member of the Sadler's Wells Opera Company where he performed in a great variety of operas, including a notable *Costa fan tutte* and the first performance of Britten's *Peter Grimes* in 1945.

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Attenborough, 48; Sir John Beith, 72; the Right Rev. D.S. Cross, 58; Brigadier Anne Field, 60; Mr John Fleming, 50; Mr Harvey (1713), 186; Earl Jellicoe, 68; Colonel B.M. Knox, 70; Viscount Leathers, 78; the Marqués de Santa Cruz, 84.

Marine Society

A bicentenary commemorative service will be held at 5pm, on Tuesday, June 10, in Westminster Abbey, for Jonas Trevelyan (1713-186), founder of the Marine Society. The address will be given by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin. Inquiries should be addressed to the secretary at 202 Lambeth Road, London, SE1.

Judges retire

Judge Abdela, QC, retired from the Circuit Bench on the South-eastern Circuit on April 2, and Judge Davison retired from the Circuit Bench on the Midland and Oxford Circuit on April 1.

Cranwell graduation

Air Vice-Marshal D.B. Leach, Director General Security, was the reviewing officer when 110 officers of No 91 Initial Officer Training Course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on March 27.

Science report

Artificial artery stands up to tests

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor
An artificial blood vessel has withstood the physiological pressures of a human artery in laboratory tests. Like the cells of the innermost lining of natural ones, the man-made variety secretes substances such as prostacyclin and Willebrand's factor when blood is recirculated through it.

Keble College

The Warden and Fellows of Keble College invite old members and their families to a garden party to be held on Saturday, May 31, 1986 (Eights Week). Admission will be by numbered tickets only. Applications should be made to the bursar.

Luncheons

The Blacksmiths' Company The Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, Wing Commander V.S.W. Smyth, presided at a court luncheon held at Innholders' Hall yesterday for members of the company.

Dinners

The twenty-fourth annual dinner of the Finance Houses Association was held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Wednesday, April 2, 1986. The chairman of the association, Mr Ian Miller, welcomed the Director-General of Fair Trading, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, as the principal guest and speaker.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Manuel Esquivel, Prime Minister of Belize, and Mr Herbert Augustus Blaise, Prime Minister of Grenada, to be members of the Privy Council.

SIR WALTER MERTON

Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Merton, GBE, KCB, who has died aged 80, commanded at the outbreak of the Second World War No 37 (Bomber) Squadron, flying Wellingtons, and led it to the desert campaigns in Egypt as one of the RAF's first long-range bomber forces.

MR JOHN PINNEY

Mr John Pinney, who has died after a short illness, devoted his life to the Colonial Service in Kenya. The youngest son of General Sir Reginald Pinney, he was born in 1920, educated at Winchester and Christ Church and commissioned into the Army in 1941. However, he was immediately drafted into the Colonial Service in Kenya.

MR HARRY WILSON, GC

Harry Wilson, GC, who died on March 26, at Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, aged 83, was awarded the Edward Medal (translated to the George Cross in 1971) for his part in the rescue of a trapped miner from a flooding mine. His action on March 10, 1924, was when an intruder of water took place at the Harrisdale Colliery, Staffordshire. Most of the workmen had already left the mine,

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

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BIRTHS
BAKER - On 25th March to Maurven (nee Harding) and Christopher, a daughter, Anne-Marie, a sister for Victoria.

DEATHS
ARTHUR - On March 31, Cyril Stuart, in his 80th year, beloved husband of Cecily and much loved father and grandfather, passed away at home.

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THE ARTS

Television  
Heroic rhetoric

Edward R. Murrow was the first hero of broadcasting journalism. Murrow (Channel 4) film biography directed by Jack Gold and co-produced by Britain's FTV, did much more than merely burnish the myth. Murrow's place in media history was earned by a programme in his See It Now series in which he attacked the anti-communist senator Joe McCarthy. Murrow's rhetoric and the programme's investigation are credited with breaking McCarthy's grip on the public imagination of America in the Fifties. Last night's film was also an examination of many of the issues and pressures which have shaped journalism since the days when clay tablet was the primary news medium. Within the first half hour, Murrow, as CBS's radio correspondent in wartime London, had stated his position on objectivity and begun diplomatic negotiations to subvert a crash news value. As the story of the confrontation with McCarthy developed it became clear that the major battle was not so much with the witch-hunting mood of the country as with the ratings-hunting mood of CBS's directors, shareholders and sponsors. The screenplay, by Ernest Kinoy, whose past credits include Roots, lost no opportunity to include the jingles and commercials of the era to make the point that Reevon and an aluminium company were funding the network's top shows. There is a difference between the public interest and what the public is interested in. Murrow announced his one of the many heated arguments with the CBS chairman William Paley and president Frank Stanton - who was cast in the role of an unprincipled ratings-hunter. At the end of the story See It Now had been knocked out of the ratings by The \$64,000 Question, and Murrow died, shortly after leaving the network, of lung cancer. It was a slow production made in the wordy, task-veered style characteristic of America's Home Box Office channel. Nevertheless, the Wall Street Journal observed that a programme with this much content could not be made by a major network in America today.

Celia Brayfield

Theatre

Cold-blooded immorality

Il Candelajo  
The Pit

As an introduction to the work of Giordano Bruno, philosopher, poet and incorrigible intellectual, whose big mouth led him to the stake in 1600, this production comes as an embarrassment. Whenever, during the past 400 years, the process of free thought and inquiry has been stifled by authority and its exponents have been put to silence, Bruno has been burnt again. As a patron saint of intellectual rebellion his immortality is guaranteed; and, in reviving his one and only play, the RSC are naturally anxious to find morally appropriate qualities in it. Sure enough, the programme discerns in it a "frantic detestation of hypocrisy and quackery... and the beginning of his formulation of a new ethic and a new philosophy".

These are heavy claims to load on a sharp little Italian comedy on the old themes of lust and greed, but, even without them Il Candelajo comes across as a cruel and cold-blooded piece of work with even less moral centre than Machiavelli's Mandragola. The comedy turns on the antics of two fools, each in the grip of an obsession. Bonifacio, the eponymous candle-maker, lusts after a costly courtesan, Bartolomeo, a merchant, lusts after wealth. Both neglect their wives in pursuit of these new desires; and, Naples being Naples, there are people around to offer prompt gratification while taking them for an expensive ride. Bartolomeo falls into the clutch of the alchemist, while Bonifacio enlists a magician to get him into Vittoria's bed. As she is for sale anyway, it is hard to see why he does not simply pay her the going rate, instead of embarking on a pricey ritual with a wax model and a rigmorole of Latin spells he is clearly unable to pronounce.

To complete the list of victims, there is the pedant Manfurio, whose only offence is that he fancies himself as a Latinist. He is the old commedia figure, trundled on simply on the assumption that theatre audiences will laugh at a character more learned than they are. It is the last joke you would expect from an intellectual such as Bruno, but he goes ahead and makes it - depending on what character is saying, that proves he is talking rubbish; and finally having poor Manfurio's trousers hauled down for a spanking. This scene, I am glad to say, was greeted with stony silence on Wednesday.

It is also good to report that Ian Talbot, despite the odds, succeeds in building this hapless figure into by far the most sympathetic character in the piece: radiating innocent pleasure when anybody pays him a compliment, trusting towards everyone he meets, and candidly explaining that he failed to pursue a pickpocket because it was beneath his dignity as a doctor to shout "Stop, thief". It is a performance that takes you back to the good old days of Mr Talbot's Mr Toad.



David Bradley (left) and Bruce Alexander as Bartolomeo and Bonifacio: an unlovely central couple steering an energetic course from desire to humiliation

As for the central intrigues, Bonifacio is persuaded to go into disguise for a bed-trick encounter with his wife, and Bartolomeo into considerable outlay on alchemical projections that go up in smoke. Bruno, of course, was writing at a time before modern science had detached itself from magic and alchemy; but, as for comic point, there is no way of telling whether he is out to expose them as fraudulent or simply invoke them as a means of punishing the two cheating husbands. Clifford Williams's and Paul Marcus's production takes place in a street surmounted with Bruno's slogan "Joyful in grief, in gaiety sad". With the exception of a wistful soliloquy from the fading Vittoria (Mel Martin), this finds no echo in the boisterous events; and comedy depends largely on the anachronistic swoops from erudition to catch-dropping in Frank Dotterell's and Mia Dickson's translation. There are a few hints of Bruno the dangerous thinker, as where the rogue Sanguino (Anthony O'Donnell) points out that Christ steered well clear of lunatics. Bruce Alexander and David Bradley, as the unlovely central couple, steer an energetic course from desire to humiliation. They are marginally more appealing than Bruno's hero, a crafty painter (Donald Sumpter) who pulls off a successful adultery and lectures us on how to do it.

Irving Wardle

Cinema  
Tawdry fate for a good novel

Absolute Beginners (15)  
Leicester Square Theatre; Odeon Marble Arch

"Hollywood Bubbly" season  
National Film Theatre

Absolute Beginners - the film, not the book - is what it is; and it is hard to see why anyone should have thought it necessary to disturb a good novel for the purpose. The objective was a musical vaguely set in the late Fifties, a period which is now remote enough to acquire glamour and has the extra charm of having witnessed the creation of teenage as both myth and market factor. In a scatter-brained rationale (in a Corgi paperback about the film) the director Julien Temple writes: "I simply wanted to conjure up the experience I remember, the first time I took speed in the city... I hope the film can serve as a challenge for kids today to do something as powerful as their parents".

In this enigmatic design Colin MacInnes's novel is just another artefact of the period, alongside the old television sets, refrigerators, cars and news headlines. It provides no more than the title, the setting, names and broad hints for the characters. The theme of London's incipient race war is still present, but 28 years on the trio of writers employed on the script interpret it differently. For MacInnes the Notting Hill riots of the summer of 1958 signalled some inexplicable, malignant social sickness. The film more comfortably and fashionably attributes them to the machinations of property developers and National Front agitators, and exercises it all in song, dance and melodrama.

In essence the film is a succession of video pop promos, a field of activity in which Julien Temple is interminably recognized as a virtuoso. The video promo has its own style and disciplines: it must be self-contained within the time-span of a musical number; it must be extravagant and hectic, with images, camera angles, zoomshots and cutting that instantly excite the senses. Plagiarism is favoured, with no film more pillaged for the purpose than Fritz Lang's Metropolis. Temple borrows, *inter alia*, the giant typewriter from James Ivory's Bombay Talkie, fight choreographies from West Side Story and lurid studio sets from Fire in the Streets.

Paul Griffiths



Eddie O'Connell: the authentic Fifties look

As pop promos the episodes are individually energetic at least, though they lack any unifying style. They are suggested by the action rather than actually forwarding it in the ordinary sense of musical numbers. The cursory narrative that links them has the dramatic texture of Hollywood musical "featurettes" of the Forties. It is indeed doubtful whether audiences unacquainted with the novel will have any notion what is going on, or what all these characters, mostly now reduced to walk-on roles, signify. This may not actually matter, of course, to spectators already conditioned to the fragmentation and limited demands on concentration characteristic of the pop promo.

MacInnes's 19-year-old first-person hero is convincingly impersonated by Eddie O'Connell, who has an authentic Fifties look. A vulpine middle-aged David Bowie plays a villainous promoter. Alongside the inanimate period artefacts are the human souvenirs. Lionel Blair appears as a paedophile pop promoter of the Little Laurie London era; Alan Freeman, a Fifties disc-jockey, plays an Australian television hustler; Mandy Rice-Davies, supporting player in the Profumo drama, has now matured enough to be the hero's Ma; Jess Conrad and Sylvia Syms are names in the crowd. The most authentic touch of the Fifties is provided by the memorable street photographs of Roger Mayne.

The 1920s offer another period which has gained an illusory glow of glamour in retrospect. The illusion was in large part the achievement of Hollywood, which was at that moment just discovering its business of presenting a distorting mirror to reflect the most wished to see.

Cecil B. DeMille was the first film-maker to respond to the craving for illusions of sophistication, and thrilled the public with a series of films that showed the manners and morals of a mythical high society. Champagne-corks popped, flappers flapped, hair was bobbed, women smoked, wives and husbands strayed; but finally sophistication was only skin-deep. It was characteristic of the social comedies

of the period that in the end the old standards were reasserted: love, virtue and suffering triumphed as they had always done.

The seminal films of the golden era of Twenties social comedy were Chaplin's A Woman of Paris (1923) and Ernst Lubitsch's The Marriage Circle (1924). Chaplin introduced a style of social comedy that lay more in nuances of expression and gesture than in the plot or the wit of the printed subtitles. Lubitsch brought a "continental" subtlety and maturity which was to distinguish the comedy production of Paramount Studios for more than two decades.

Throughout April the National Film Theatre is showing a selection of 25 rarely-seen works from this period. A Woman of Paris bequeathed a school as well as a style. Each of Chaplin's four young assistants on the film - Edward A. Sutherland, Monta Bell and two Frenchmen, Henri d'Abbadie d'Arrast and Jean de Limur - became directors of comedy in their own right, and generally in the Chaplin manner.

Monta Bell was the most prolific of the group, and the season includes five of the score of films he made in the Twenties. Even when stuck with novelette plots, his technical virtuosity and direction of actors is admirable. Lady of the Night, for instance, dignifies an idiotic tale of love and sacrifice with Norma Shearer's most accomplished playing in a dual role as two women from contrasted social ranks. A celebrated scene in which one Shearer embraces the other still mystifies technicians.

Aside from their social curiosity and evocation of the visual style of the period, these films provide a chance to see and evaluate some of the great Hollywood legends: Clara Bow (encountering the real-life Elinor Glyn in It), Gloria Swanson (revealed as a brilliant comedienne in Manhandled), Jeanne Eagels, Pola Negri, Louise Brooks, Bessie Love, Marie Davies. None of them has faded, none disappoints: the quality that made them legends is durable.

David Robinson

Concerts

Returning to the strength and severity of old

LS/Lutoslawski  
Elizabeth Hall/  
Radio 3

Three years ago Lutoslawski wrote a piece for the London Sinfonietta, and chose a title that promised more to come: Chain 1. The second link was added on Wednesday at a lively concert within the Music of Eight Decades series, and proved rather longer (at 17 minutes), more fully scored and more substantial than its predecessor.

Apparently this is all part of the plan. Lutoslawski does not conceive his "chain" as being of similar or even of linked works; and, to those who like titles to mean something, he offers the thought that these pieces (and, I would guess, others, like the Third Sym-

phony) make use of chains of notes in a kind of serial practice. The evidence grows weightier of Lutoslawski in his seventies returning to the severity and strength of the music of his forties.

Chain 2 has the subtitle "dialogue for violin and orchestra", and is effectively a chamber concerto with solo violin, or rather it is a fluid selection of scenes from a possible violin concerto. There are four movements, of which the first and third are largely independent of regular metre (they are marked "ad libitum", and are not conducted) while the second and fourth, marked "a battuta", are correspondingly more dynamic. The four might be characterized as introduction, allegro scherzando, slow movement and finale, and certainly such a programme is

one element in Lutoslawski's formal thinking. However, the piece is also larger and smaller than this. The movements are interconnected (the last very clearly remembers each of the previous three), and at the same time they lack - indeed, are very elegantly made to lack - the definition a multi-movement scheme might seem to suppose.

There is something nocturnally mysterious about Lutoslawski's processes here. (The work that Chain 2 most called to mind for me was Britten's Midsummer Night's Dream, by virtue of its winding slow string glissandos - its tuned percussion and its ostinatos.)

LPO/Eschenbach  
Festival Hall

A late change of conductor (Christoph Eschenbach replacing Jesús López-Cobos) deprived Richard Strauss fans of their expected double-dop of the master, or perhaps the orchestra felt that there has already been enough Tod und Verklärung on the South

The second movement, for instance, seems to be fitting among several different possible versions of itself, sometimes with the soloist frenetic in Stravinskian triple stops, sometimes with soloist and orchestra combined in the grand gesture, sometimes with just a wispy selection of the players involved, as in the extraordinary passage where one suddenly finds the very top of the orchestra (violins, piccolos, xylophone) has been exchanged for the bottom.

The entire work gives the listener the impression of being inside an acoustical maze, where the voice of a conventional romantic concerto can be detected by its echoes or, quite suddenly, heard in all its immediacy. It is, moreover, a work of beautiful sound-images, such as the start of the third movement, with a G-string melody for the soloist accompanied by just three low cellos, or the two bell-like climaxes from the wind.

György Pauk offered a thoughtful and expressive account of the solo part, with responsive playing from the Sinfonietta for the composer. There had perhaps been less time to rehearse Schoenberg's First Chamber Symphony with Diego Masson.

The power was, however, fully on for Prokofiev's Third Piano Concerto, which was just as well because the players needed every available aid in

their pursuit of Ivo Pogorelich's pounding attack on this (usually) lyrical work. I do not know whether Pogorelich has read that celebrated American newspaper report of Prokofiev's own piano-playing ("fingers like steel, wrists like steel, biceps like steel...") but he certainly sped through the first movement in a relentless, tough-tongued manner that left the orchestra grasping at the andante theme's reprise like drowning men at a piece of flotsam.

There was certainly no shortage of virtuoso thrills, nor of those bizarre interpretive nuances which Pogorelich seems to insert if he feels the composer's inspiration is flagging a bit: the off-beat accentuation of the last movement's chordal passages was especially choice. But the incessant erasing of Prokofiev's own instructions, particularly those suggesting the pianist plays softly, did become wearisome. In the slow movement's mysterious fourth variation, for instance, the soloist should surely soak himself in the ultra-romantic atmosphere created by those distant horn calls, and then try to emulate them. Here Pogorelich played with a stubborn and, it seemed, entirely self-conscious insensitivity.

Eschenbach possibly found his own pianistic experience useful in anticipating his soloist's manoeuvres so well. He then conducted a precise if rather pedantic performance of The Rite of Spring, full of painstakingly delineated detail but rarely generating sufficient voltage.

Richard Morrison

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# BA threatened by £259 cut in Atlantic fares

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

British Airways is facing a new threat on the Atlantic with price cuts of over £250 between Britain and Canada proposed by Canada's Wardair charter airline.

Wardair, the biggest UK-Canada carrier with nearly a third of the £150 million-a-year market, is proposing to start a new scheduled service on May 1 with a business-class fare of £345 one-way from Gatwick to Toronto or Montreal compared with £604 by BA.

They also plan an economy return to match charter rates at about £300 compared with over £600 by other scheduled carriers.

The move springs from the new competitive environment encouraged by Canada's Conservative government. But it is expected to be strongly opposed by BA and the British Government who, while interested in competition on air routes, also want the best possible sale price for BA.

According to Mr Brian Walker, Wardair's sales and marketing chief, objection by

BA to the proposed Wardair rates will almost certainly result in immediate withdrawal of Wardair's new licence to operate as a scheduled carrier.

But if that happens, he said at a London press conference, they will continue with the same service as a charter airline to which those restrictions do not apply. The only difference is passengers will need to book in advance and buy a round-trip ticket.

"The bilateral rules come up for renegotiation soon and we think it is time they were changed. They operate simply to protect a fare-fixing cartel against the public interest," Mr Walker said.

To avoid licensing problems, Wardair are describing their new service not as two class but as one-class economy on which any passenger who has paid his £315 one-way fare can buy an extra-large business-type seat for another £30.

BA said last night that they could not comment before receiving details of Wardair proposals.

# Work-rate slows on Anglo-Irish accord

From Richard Ford, Dublin

The Irish Government will emphasize the symbolic importance of the Anglo-Irish agreement throughout the testing months of the summer rather than push for any dramatic developments in the North.

With little visible change on the ground in Northern Ireland since the agreement was signed almost five months ago, it is clear that the pace of work within the framework of the deal with Dublin has been reduced.

Within the British Government ministers wish to press ahead with developments while others caution against such an approach believing that Unionists should not be further antagonized by the introduction of measures that would be

seen as flowing from the agreement.

A number of committees have been set up to look at areas such as the administration of justice but it is understood that it will "take time" to produce results.

Although both governments insist that they will not accept Unionist demands for the suspension of the agreement to allow talks to begin, there was a gap of nine weeks between the meetings of the third and fourth joint ministerial conference and no date has yet been fixed for another.

In Dublin the Government is anxious that the length of time between those meetings should not become too long, believing that that would be interpreted as a sign of weakness by Unionist politicians.

# Firefighters' courage saves illustrious

By Gavin Bell

The skill and courage of firefighters in the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious were largely responsible for averting a potential catastrophe yesterday after an explosion started an inferno deep inside the ship, her captain said.

The incident, as the 20,000-ton carrier was steaming at 30 knots away from south-west England, caused no casualties but forced postponement of a nine-month flag-waving voyage around the world by Illustrious and six Royal Navy ships.

Senior officers who began a preliminary inquiry after the carrier limped home to Portsmouth said the cause of the blast in the forward (starboard) gear-room was not known, but that there was no evidence of sabotage.

Commander William Bowman said the ship was sailing on full power to tame up two new gas turbine engines when a deafening bang resounded through all decks at about 12.30am.

As alarms began ringing in the damaged control room, an enormous sheet of flame erupted almost immediately from one of the two funnels.

Captain Alan Grose said: "It was immediately apparent to me, standing on the bridge, that we had a major problem. Fortunately our five attack teams displayed exemplary skill and courage and prevented what could have been a catastrophe."

Captain Grose said that as soon as the fire had been located, it was doused with bursts of inert halogen gas and water-based foam. The "standing sea fire parties" then fought their way through narrow passageways obscured by smoke near the keel and using thermal imaging equipment identified remaining pockets of fire that could have ignited further explosions.

The blaze was confined to the area of the explosion and extinguished within 90 minutes. None of the six sea Harrier jets or twelve helicopters was damaged. Commander Bowman said there had been no confusion but that it had been difficult at first to pinpoint the blaze.

"Everybody reacted remarkably quickly, considering that most of them were asleep at the time. Fog and fire are the two great treads of all



After the fire: Illustrious limping back into Portsmouth harbour yesterday.



Captain Alan Grose: praise for his crew

seamen. It is quite frightening to advance along a darkened corridor in intense heat, to ward an extremely fierce fire.

However the conduct of the attack teams was absolutely correct. But for them the consequences could have been much more serious."

Nobody was in the gear-room, housing a 200-ton gearbox, housing a small house, when it exploded - but two seamen had a narrow escape.

Chief Petty Officer Martin Smith, aged 33, of Hilses, Portsmouth, and leading Marine Engineer Philip Stephens left the room five minutes earlier for a cup of coffee.

Lessons learned in the Falkland campaign helped to protect the 1,500 crew as dense smoke swirled below decks. All were equipped with breathing apparatus produced since

the South Atlantic battles.

Captain Grose said the investigators were looking at whether the explosion had implications for other navy vessels, or whether it was an isolated incident.

The aim of "Global 86", in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Ocean, is to participate in exercises with allied forces and to increase British defence sales. The manoeuvres were to have begun with an anti-submarine exercise off the west coast of France yesterday.

HMS Illustrious, which entered service in June, 1982, is the second of three aircraft carriers of similar design which have entered service since the late 1970s. The first was the Invincible and the latest Ark Royal, which first sailed last July.



Firefighters: Chief Petty Officer Nick Aldridge (left); Petty Officer Steve Levitt and Warrant Officer Wilki Feeberry.

# Police seek Arab for TWA bomb

Continued from page 1

In Athens with the Greek Government's permission to co-operate with Greek experts in establishing the facts.

The FBI agents yesterday searched the luggage and cargo, which had been left on the plane untouched. The surviving passengers were being questioned by Greek security men.

an anonymous caller yesterday claimed responsibility for the bombing of the TWA jet on behalf of a group believed to have links with Abu Nidal.

The caller told a Western news agency in west Beirut.

In heavily Palestinian-occupied Arab, he said the bombing of the flight was the work of the Arab Revolutionary Cells.

● BEIRUT: Vowing to launch further attacks against American targets "across the world."

Mr Fritz Molden, who was involved in clearing Dr Waldheim in 1945 for service in Austria's post-war Foreign Ministry, said he was checked against any Nazi taint within a week by Austria's Interior Ministry and two American organizations, including the forerunner to the Central Intelligence Agency.

There was nothing in the files that could have shown that Waldheim was a Nazi," Mr Molden said. "It would have been unimaginable for the Foreign Ministry to have taken him on if he was in the SA, (the elite Nazi) SS or anything else."

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## Today's events

Royal engagements: Princess Margaret opens the re-furbished offices of the Bromsgrove District Council, 3.05.

New exhibitions: Tapestries by Maria Rogoyas and glass by Steven Newell; British Crafts Centre, 43 Earham St. WC2; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 11 to 5 (ends May 3).

Recent works by Denzil Forrester: Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St. W8; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 28).

Smoke screens by Steve Rush: The Foyer, Barbican Centre, EC2; Mon to Sat 10 to 10 (ends April 20).

Works by Wendy Raphael: The Ginnery, Lloyds House, Lloyd St, Manchester.

Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 1 to 4 (ends April 25).

Hard Times: The Children's Society Photographs 1985 by Mark Power; Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High St, Brentford; Mon to Sun 11 to 9.30pm (ends May 4).

Gallery Spectators: animated sculpture by Tim Hunkin; Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends April 27).

Photographs by Gene Lambert; Orchard Gallery, Orchard St, Londonderry; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends April 26).

Exhibitions in progress: Prints by Stephen Gooden; Charrington Print Room (ends April 27); The Sir Geoffrey Keynes Collection (William Blake and his associates) (ends May 11); The Fitzwilliam Mu-

seum, Cambridge; Tues to Sat 2 to 5, Sun 2.15 to 5.

A Show of Hands; Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 19).

Pate de verre by Diana Hobson; Crafts Council Shop, Victoria & Albert Museum, SW7; Mon to Thurs 10 to 5.40, Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.30, closed Friday (ends April 17).

Last chance to see: Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art; Derby City Museum and Art Gallery, 10 to 5.

Music: Recital by Donna Deam (soprano) with Musica Dolce; St James's, Piccadilly, W1, 1.10.

Concert by the Hartley Trio; Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, W1, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Guildhall, Southampton, 8.

Guitar recital by Neil Smith; Grundy Art Gallery, Queen St, Blackpool, 12.45.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta with Evangelos and Liza (guitar); St Andrew's, Chippesham, 7.30.

Pia recital by John Savory; Art Gallery, Bury St Edmunds, 1.05.

Talks, lectures, films: Lauteirism in the House of Fictions; Paolozzi and exhibitionism; by Anthony Sclotton; Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, W1, 1.

Masterpieces of Persian, Turkish and Mughal painting; 12; Manuscript treasures from India, 2.30, both by Barbara Breat; The British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1.

Dieu et Mon Droit; York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Sq, 1 and 3.

The Planet Uranus: past and present; by Prof A J Meadows; The Pump Room, Bath, 7.30.

Austen: Life and Death; Medical ethics and the law; by Prof D D Raphael; The Council Chamber, Leeds University, 5.30.

General: Model and Hobby World; Alexandra Park, N22, today, tomorrow and Sunday 10 to 8 (ends April 6).

Fan making workshop; Museum of London, London Wall, EC2, 11 to 2 to 4.

British International Antiques Fair; National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, today, tomorrow 11 to 9, Sun 11 to 6, Mon and Tues 10 to 9, Wed 11 to 6 (ends April 9).

## Food prices

Meat prices have not changed much since Easter, but most butchers will have special offers. A few of this week's good buys are: Dewhurst New Zealand lamb legs £1.39 a lb and Dewfresh turkeys, with no additives or water, 99p a lb; Fine Fare best top-side and silver-side £1.84 a lb; Safeway New Zealand lamb rib chops £1.19 a lb and loin chops £1.29 a lb; Sainsbury English pork shoulder £1.36 a lb and back and top rib of beef £1.52; Bejam sirloin steak £3.44 a lb and pork chops 99p a lb; Tesco New Zealand lamb chops £1.24 and braising steak £1.58 a lb.

Most fish should be cheaper by the weekend. Look out for farmed trout and salmon. More than 1,500 boxes of salmon arrive at Billingsgate this week, and prices could be low.

Home grown vegetables, particularly greens and cabbages, have been badly affected by February's weather. Many plants were killed off and others severely damaged. Although there are plenty of potatoes and carrots, their quality leaves a lot to be desired.

Supplies of cauliflower, supplemented by produce from Brittany and Jersey, are excellent and a best buy at 45-50p. There are adequate supplies of parsnips at 25-30p a lb, onions 10-20p a lb and swedes 15-20p a lb.

Egyptian King Edward and Carina potatoes at 15-10p a lb are Turkish and Mughal painting; 12; Manuscript treasures from India, 2.30, both by Barbara Breat; The British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1.

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Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank Plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business. Retail Price Index: 261.1

## Top Films

- 1 Out of Africa
2 Jagged Edge
3 Clockwise
4 White Nights
5 Rambo
6 Young Sherlock Holmes & The Pyramid
7 Banjo
8 Back to the Future
9 No Surrender
10 Kiss of the Spider Woman

## Top video rentals

- 1 Return of the Jedi
2 Police Academy 2: Their 1st Assignment
3 Brewster's Millions
4 Rambo: First Blood 2
5 Mask
6 Ghostbusters
7 Grease 2
8 Dirty Harry
9 Beverly Hills Cop

## Roads

London and South-east: Slips on A265 at junction 15 closed. AA&A: Reconstruction work continues to affect the Colindale bypass. A41: Roadworks causing delays on the main Birmingham to Warwick road at Hutton.

## Anniversaries

Births: Grilling Gibbons, woodcarver, Rotterdam, 1648; Sir William Siemens, metallurgist and inventor, Lenthe, Germany, 1823; René de Groenmont, writer, Bazoches-en-Moulines, France, 1858; Maurice de Vlaminck, painter, Paris, 1876.

## £250,000 bonds

The winning number of this month's £250,000 Premium Bond prize is 2CT 076495. The winner lives in Middlesex.

## Snow reports

Table with snow reports for Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland, etc.

## Weather forecast

A showery N to NE airflow will cover the country.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Angles: showy with hail, thunder and snow in places; wind N to NE light or moderate; max temp 8C (46F).

Central S, central N England, Midlands: Misty at first but sunny intervals and showers developing during the morning; the showers will largely die out during the evening; wind N to NE light or moderate; max temp 8C (46F).

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW, Scotland, Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals and isolated showers, falling as snow over high ground; wind N to NE moderate; max temp 11C (52F), but colder on exposed coasts.

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Sunny intervals and showers, some heavy with hail and thunder and falling as snow over high ground; wind N to NE moderate; max temp 7C (45F).

Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and showers with wind N moderate; max temp 7C (45F). Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Little change.

Table with weather forecast for Sun Rise, Sun Sets, Moon rise, Moon sets.

## Lighting-up time

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Edinburgh 8.25 pm to 6.04 am
Manchester 8.19 pm to 6.04 am
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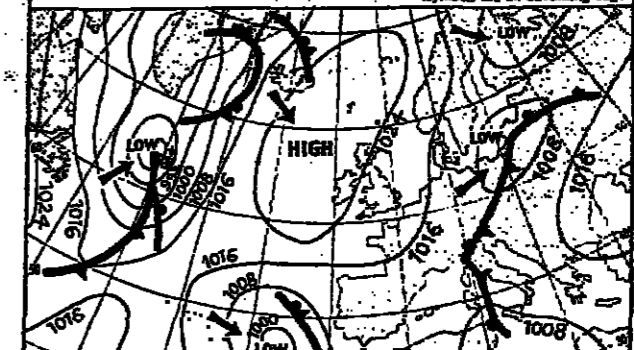
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## Weather forecast



## High Tides

Table with high tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Aberdeen, Newcastle, etc.

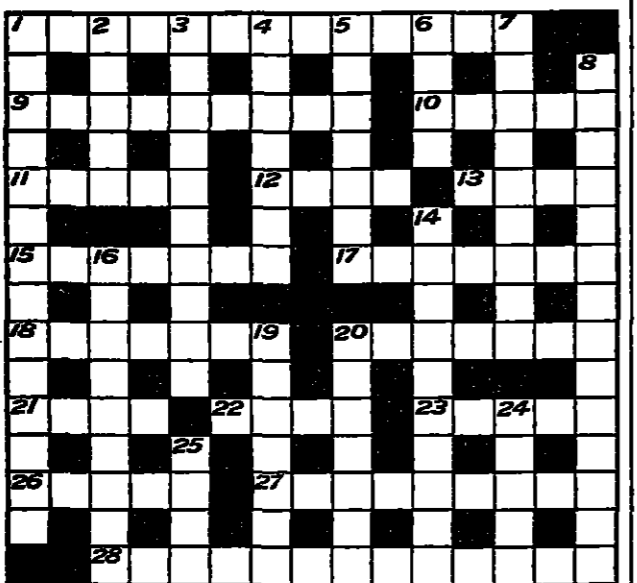
## Around Britain

Table with weather conditions for various regions like East Coast, South Coast, West Coast, etc.

## Abroad

Table with weather forecasts for various countries like Algeria, Austria, Belgium, etc.

## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,011



## ACROSS

- 1 What you could end with armed opposition, said Hamlet (3,2,5).
9 A way to get river fish many hampered (9).
20 Certainly a good animal (5).
21 Distressed a group of superior persons? (5).
22 Plan one cherished cut short (4).
13 Unknown author presently to appear (4).
15 Stuff cut off - it's there at Ascot (7).
17 Music maker, old as the Devil (7).
18 Away with cold! (7).
20 The prosecutor who employs a couple of hundred (7).
21 Set, holding nothing in sack (4).
22 The old man of Peru presents a not entirely plain case (4).
23 It points to what should have been in line (5).
26 A goose and a girl (5).
27 Like Lucy's ways (9).
28 Gives false impression of a spivster, round about this time (13).

## DOWN

- 1 Elias ends a muddle about a witicism - so long drawn-out (14).

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**Air group's £78m issue**

Guinness Peat Aviation, the world's largest aircraft operating lease company, yesterday announced the private placement of \$115 million (£78.76 million) of convertible preferred shares with Japanese, European and US investors.

The placement, which was oversubscribed from an original \$100 million, has trebled the company's equity to \$190 million.

The largest subscribers to the placement were Long Term Credit Bank of Japan, which took a total of \$55 million, Prudential Insurance Corporation of America and General Electric Credit Corporation.

**Reckitt lift**

Reckitt & Colman, the household products group, lifted profits from £106 million to £123 million before tax in the year to January 4.

Turnover rose from £1.12 billion to £1.27 billion and the final dividend is increased from 8.8p to 10p.

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**Ibstock lower**

Ibstock Johnson, the brick manufacturer, made pretax profits of £11.4 million in 1985, down from £12.4 million. Turnover moved ahead from £51.1 million to £53.9 million and the dividend is increased by 0.8p to 4.8p.

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**Record sale**

Barclays Bank of Kenya is planning the biggest-ever stock flotation on the Nairobi stock exchange by selling up to 5 million shares to Kenyan citizens. The flotation is aimed at transferring 30 per cent of the bank's ownership from London to Kenyan nationals.

**Peel issue**

Peel, the property developer, says it will save more than £1 million a year in interest charges through the issue of £35 million 9% per cent debenture stock 2011. The proceeds will refinance medium term borrowings.

**Bid prospect**

Bacon Co of Ireland says it is in discussions with other parties which may lead to a bid. No other details have been disclosed.

**All clear**

The Trade Secretary has decided not to refer the following proposed acquisitions to the Monopolies Commission: Smith Bros and Scott Goff Layton; Banque Bruxelles Lambert and Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin; and Hill Samue Group and Wood Mackenzie.

**Govett talks**

Govett Atlantic Investment Trust and Govett Enterprise Investment Trust are in discussions which may lead to Atlantic buying the shares in Enterprise it does not already own.

**Oxford deal**

Oxford Instruments has conditionally agreed to acquire the outstanding minority partnership interest in Oxford Superconducting of New Jersey, a specialized magnet manufacturer, for an estimated \$12.4 million (£8.4 million).

# SE to seek inquiry into 'secret' Westland deals

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Department of Trade and Industry is to be asked to investigate possible breaches of the Companies Act during the bitter proxy battle among Westland shareholders last January.

The Stock Exchange is expected to make the request after completing its investigation into controversial Westland share dealings that took place in the run up to a crucial shareholders meeting which voted in favour of a Sikorsky/Finat £80 million rescue package.

The Stock Exchange's three-man investigating committee has concluded that there is no case for disciplinary action against members of the market involved in the transactions because there was no breach either of Stock Exchange rules or the takeover code.

However, it does suggest that the Department of Trade and Industry ought to investigate the possible existence of a secret concert party or group of shareholders which may have acted together to secure a particular outcome in the tussle between Sikorsky and a consortium of European aerospace companies for Westland's hand.



Paul Channon

This would be an offence under the 1985 Companies Act and would warrant the appointment of inspectors by Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary.

The Stock Exchange's three-man investigating committee, chaired by Mr Peter Willis, a former deputy chairman of the exchange, is believed to have concluded that it would be difficult to prove the existence of a concert party although there are grounds for suspecting it.

The inquiry started in early February after allegations that a false market had developed in Westland shares. At one stage prices of up to 125p a share were being offered by mystery buyers for big parcels of shares. Small shareholders on the other hand were being offered no more than the market price of 90p a share.

A Stock Exchange report later revealed that six mystery shareholders, including three Swiss bank nominees, held a 20.33 per cent interest in the company.

Westland has attempted to investigate the ultimate beneficial owners of these shares using powers under section 212 of the Companies Act. TNT, the Australian transport group, has confirmed that it is the beneficial owner of a 4.99 per cent stake but the other shareholders have yet to reply to letters requesting details of beneficiaries.

Mr Michael Baughan of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank, said TNT had denied it was acting in concert with any other shareholder.

The buyers who acted for beneficial owners, as yet undisclosed, were Sterling Trust, based in Geneva, Gulf and Occidental Investment Bank, Lynx Marketing, registered in Panama, and two Swiss bank nominees under the name of Dreyfus.

The Stock Exchange is expected to propose a new set of rules to deal with Westland-like proxy battles.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organization (LUTRO) - moved a step closer this week.

The various working parties set up by the LUTRO steering group this week produced a consolidated report on aspects of the marketing of life assurance and unit trusts, together with a draft prospectus for membership of LUTRO.

The draft prospectus will be considered at a meeting of the steering group scheduled for next Tuesday and, subject to the approval of the group, it will be sent out by the end of next week.

The membership of LUTRO will be primarily composed of authorized insurance companies and managers of authorized unit trusts.

The formation of another self-regulatory organization -

# Two City self-regulating organizations to merge

By Lawrence Lever

The shape of the self-regulatory framework for the City is likely to become a little clearer within the next few weeks.

Two of the intended self-regulatory organizations are to announce that they are to merge, while a third is likely to be canvassing for members by the end of this month.

The chief executive of the National Association of Securities Dealers and Investment Managers (Nasdim), Mr John Grant, said yesterday that Nasdim and the Life and Unit Trust Intermediaries Regulatory Organization (LUTIRO) would be merging, although a formal announcement would not be made at least until the end of this month.

"We have not yet decided on a name for the combined group", Mr Grant said.

Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, yesterday bolstered his £100 million bid for the Kenning Motor Group with better than forecast results for Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, the motor distributor in which the Brierley subsidiary IEP Finance holds a 62 per cent stake.

Tozer's profits before exceptional items were £6.05 million compared with a forecast of £4 million made at the time of the rights issue in November.

The share offer for Kenning, by Tozer and IEP Finance, is now worth 236p a share with the Tozer convertible preference shares at 135p. Kenning yesterday closed 3p higher at 218p.

In the formal offer document published with the results, the board of Tozer accused the Kenning management of lacking both direction and logic.

Tozer's chief executive, Mr Reg Heath, said: "The company is badly directed, has lost its way totally, and needs fresh management at the top."

Mr Brierley already owns 29.9 per cent of Kenning and if the offer were fully taken up his stake in Tozer would emerge at around 55 per cent.

# US move hits oil price

By Teresa Poole

North Sea oil prices slipped back again yesterday after the US Administration made it clear that the free market should be allowed to set oil prices.

The reports at first sent crude prices down by as much as a dollar, wiping out the gains of the previous day when Vice-President George Bush had said he would consider the stabilization of the oil price when he arrives in Saudi Arabia on Saturday.

But the stock market shrugged off nervousness in the oil market and closed at a



Dr Subroto, confident of agreement on cuts

new record with the FT 30 share index up 6.5 at 1,425.9. The pound lost 1.3 cents to \$1.4600.

The price of Brent, Britain's benchmark crude, breached the \$10 a barrel level for the second time this week when a cargo for delivery in July was traded at \$9.90.

Cargos for delivery in May fell to \$10.05 a barrel in early trading but then recovered to \$10.40 a barrel in the absence of many sellers.

In quiet but volatile trading, traders dismissed reports that Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister, expected the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to agree on production cuts at this month's meeting.

Dr Subroto confirmed that the April 15 meeting would go ahead and said his proposals for a 12 or 14 per cent cut in the 16 million barrels a day production ceiling would be accepted.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Ali al-Khalifa al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti oil minister, said he was confident oil prices would rise in time.

In the US, pessimism about the oil price was further encouraged when the weekly inventory figures showed an unexpected build-up in stocks of crude.

# Acorn confident as losses fall

By Carol Ferguson

Acorn Computer Group, maker of the BBC micro computer, which came perilously close to going under last year before being rescued by Olivetti, seems to have made a loss in 1985.

Mr Brian Long, the managing director, would not commit himself to a specific profit forecast, but he hoped to do a little better than break even in the year to December 1986, after 18 months of losses.

For the period to December 1985, the first six months of operation since being rescued by Olivetti, Acorn yesterday reported a pretax loss of £2.9 million.

Having Olivetti as the major shareholder will allow Acorn the luxury of being able to spend one-third of its capital expenditure on research and development.

Turnover for the first three months of 1986 is slightly ahead of last, but business is still heavily dependent on the BBC micro. For the six months to June 1986, the BBC micro will account for nearly 90 per cent of turnover.

This will fall to around 70 per cent in the second half. From 1987 on, Acorn envisages that only 50 per cent of sales will be products of that type, the balance being OEM.

No dividend is being declared, and none is envisaged for the foreseeable future.

Mr Long said that Acorn's annual report is due out shortly. Like last year, the accounts will be qualified by the auditors in respect of a possible underpayment of Value Added Tax of £2.6 million.

# Last post in Imps battle

By Alison Eadie

The final appeals to Imperial shareholders were mailed yesterday by rival bidders United Biscuits and Hanson Trust as well as by Imperial itself.

UB and Imperial continued to stress the commercial logic of their agreed merger, which they said would produce 17 per cent more income than the Hanson bid, comparable capital value and would make 100 per cent commonense.

# TKM tops profits forecast

By Teresa Poole

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# Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

# Lawson's ADR tax lacks foresight

The Treasury is often accused of being inept but rarely of being inept. When the chairman of three of Britain's leading companies accuse it of just such a shortcoming, it must therefore sit up and take note.

The occasion was the Budget imposition of a discriminatory 5 per cent tax on American Depository Receipts. It was bound to be viewed, the chairman of BAT Industries, Unilever, and British Petroleum said in a recent letter to The Times as another piece of anti American prejudice.

The new tax does indeed seem to have been particularly badly thought through. It was excused by the chancellor in the Budget as a way of making up for revenue lost because of the halving of stamp duty on share transactions. But revenue earning ability of the new tax is doubtful. The effect will either be to choke off the ADR market completely or to drive companies into tax avoidance schemes as extreme as registering offshore.

Pre-Budget secrecy prevented the authorities from taking any in depth soundings in the City but it surely cannot have taken much foresight to see that the stock exchange would vehemently oppose the ADR tax. The Treasury, however, clearly lacked the foresight believing the stock exchange would welcome anything that choked off the ADR market which over the last five years has meant a considerable drain of business to the United States and other overseas markets.

If there is one thing markets hate more than loss of business, it is anything that smacks of protectionism especially as the era of global equity trading approaches.

There is also another thought drifting around those in the City with a penchant for conspiracy theories. The much muted alternative to stamp duty was, before the Budget, some kind of tax on banking transactions. The major clearing banks jibbed at the idea. But they have nothing to fear from anything that stifles the booming ADR market since they, and their British based securities trading offshoots, are prevented by the US Glass-Steagall Act from operating in that market.

# Message from ICI

There are no prizes for answering the question "Does industry matter?" - especially as the title of Sir John Harvey-Jones's Dimpleby lecture. For the question to be controversial you have to insert the adjective "manufacturing," and to enter one of those proxy political arguments in which phrases do duty for ideas. Manufacturing industry is no more good or bad than public expenditure or the infrastructure.

Sadly, ICI's chairman falls into the trap of contrasting manufacturing, which does the man's work of exporting or wealth creation, with services, which are jolly good but not like the real thing. In this scheme of

things, our successful pharmaceutical industry (in which ICI plays a notable part) has more in common with casting manhole covers (manufacturing) than with contract research or medicine (services).

If we remove that false line between manufacturing and tradeable business as a whole - even if we exclude oil as temporary - then Sir John's message becomes clearer. Overall, we are still losing our share of world markets and taking big industry for granted instead of nurturing it.

The general climate of opinion may be crucial as a background to national policy, but it is clearly not enough in itself. Sir John beams the City's short-term view of industry but he neglects to note that market forces increasingly prevent investment managers taking a more "responsible" tack. Intervention would be needed to change that.

The ICI chairman does want government to suit taxation, energy costs and exchange rates to industry's needs. He would also like aid with prototypes and support for pure science. But he appears to reject industrial policy in the sense used in Japan and France.

In doing so, he may be neglecting some of the things the community can supply while asking for certainities governments cannot offer.

# Banks play it cool

A weakening in the oil price has been foreseen for some time by many of the banks. But predictions centred on \$20 a barrel or, according to the real Cassandra, \$15 a barrel. It is probably fair to say that the present \$10 to \$11 a barrel only featured in "worst case" forecasts.

There is not only the disruption the oil price fall is already causing to Third World borrowers such as Mexico and Nigeria, but also the threat it poses to bank loans to the oil sector which are typically secured against future oil production at a price well above the current value of oil.

Yet officially, the banks are staying cool. The oil price, they argue, must bounce back to reasonable levels. At the same time British banks, such as Bank of Scotland, which specialize in the sector, have been switching their businesses out of loan exposures.

If a crisis does come the banks are agreed that it will be triggered by collapses among small American regional banks.

However, small bank collapses are nothing unusual in the United States. In any case, the shrinking margins on energy lending in recent years have meant that most of the business has been done by the big banks, behind which stands the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This argument, however, again raises the question of the distinction between expendable "small" banks and protected "big" ones.

# Booming Burton 'fit for new bid'

By Cliff Feltham

Burton, the retailing group which includes the Debenhams stores, yesterday announced a 114 per cent increase in pretax profits to £74.3 million. And, with take-over activity again at boiling point, Burton appeared to indicate that it cannot be ruled out of the battle for Woolworth.

Mr Mike Wood, the finance director, said: "It is a very interesting development, and we will be looking at the terms of the proposed arrangement."

A boardroom colleague confirmed that, "if the right opportunity occurs," Burton was in a position to make an acquisition.

Burton's share price rose 8p to 354p, reflecting bid interest in the stores sector and satisfaction at the benefits flowing from Debenhams, into which Burton has injected nearly 100 speciality departments such as Top Shop, Principles and Dorothy Perkins.

In the last six months group sales rose by 135 per cent to £620 million. Burton confirmed that Debenhams reached its profits forecast for last year of £60 million, made at the time of the takeover bid, while sales in the six months

rose by 11 per cent over the corresponding period.

The chairman, Mr Ralph Halpern, said that parts of Debenhams were for sale. It hoped to raise about £10 million from the sale of its stake in an American property development and was also planning to dispose of a chain of 55 shoe shops.

Other parts of the business were also under review, including the future of the Hamleys toy shop in the West End of London.

Burton is paying an increased interim dividend of 1.6p a share, up from 1.25p.

# Barclays hit by £22m Italian loss

From John Earle, Rome

Barclays Bank's Italian subsidiary has surprised the Milan financial world by reporting a 1985 loss of \$1.670 million (€22.2 million) after breaking even in 1984.

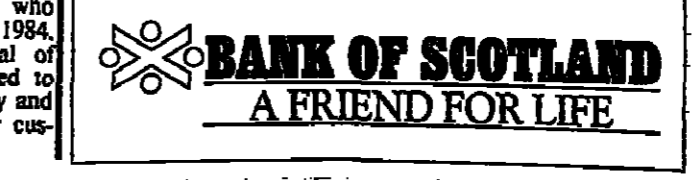
An official said, however, that 44,500 million lira of these represented bad debts, for which British standards of accounting has been adopted, and that the effective operational loss was little more than 7,000 million lira, mainly due to reduced margins on the inter-bank market.

Barclays admits that it has undergone "rapid and confused growth" during the 1980s, taking on too many small, low-quality customers. Signor Gian Marco Petrelli, the general manager who moved from Citibank in 1984, conducted a reappraisal of strategy and has decided to give priority to advisory and other services to larger customers.

# Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate

Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 1st May, 1986 Bank of Scotland Home Loan Rate will be decreased from 13.00% per annum to 12.00% per annum.

Bank of Scotland, Head Office, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 1YZ.



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**STOCK MARKETS**

New York  
Dow Jones 1792.39 (-2.87)

Tokyo  
Nikkei Dow 15272.24 (-283.27)

Hong Kong  
Hang Seng 1825.20 (+21.83)

Australia: Gen 268.9 (+1.16)

Sydney: AO 1144.2 (+8.2)

Frankfurt  
Commerzbank 2124.0 (+16.3)

Brussels  
General 609.46 (+27.23)

Paris: CAC 354.4 (same)

Stockholm  
SKA General 508.40 (same)

**GOLD**

London Fixing  
AM \$336.50 pm-\$334.75  
close \$333.00-\$333.50 (p228.00-228.50)

New York  
Comex \$334.10-\$334.60

**MAIN PRICE CHANGES**

RISER  
Williams Hidge 688p (+17p)

Blue Circle 698p (+25p)

Arnac 288p (+15p)

Portals 800p (+15p)

Victoria 639p (+15p)

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Distillers 688p (+18p)

Vaux 495p (+20p)

Zitric A 495p (+20p)

Wm Morrison 200p (+18p)

Harris Onway 296p (+22p)

**DIXONS**

Woolworths 436p (+86p)

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Woolworths G 860p (+24p)

Reckitt and G 800p (+64p)

Shell 775p (+10p)

Scott Heritable 188p (+14p)

Christies Int 525p (+12p)

Guardian Fly 914p (+89p)

Sun All 749p (+96p)

Govett Enterprises 203p (+38p)

FTZ 787p (+53p)

AC Cars 225p (+24p)

**FALLS**

Sowater 338p (-15p)

Natwest 865p (-30p)

Seavor 330p (-10p)

Acorn Comp 72p (-8p)

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# Imperial shareholders.

## The Form.

**FORM OF ACCEPTANCE, AUTHORITY AND ELECTION** **UB**  
**United Biscuits (Holdings) plc Recommended Offer for**  
**Imperial Group public limited company**

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGE 2.  
 Acceptance of the Offer is on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Offer Document. The provisions of paragraph 8 of Appendix II to the Offer Document are incorporated in and form part of this Form of Acceptance.

TO ACCEPT THE OFFER  
 COMPLETE BOX 1 and COMPLETE  
 BOXES 4 AND 5 BELOW

BOX 1  
 NUMBER OF IMPERIAL ORDINARY SHARES  
 500

**Your signature could enable you to enjoy an income 17% greater than that from the highest Hanson offer.**

We, the Imperial Board, urgently and unanimously recommend you to reject the unwelcome Hanson bid and accept the United Biscuits' offer without delay.

### The UB Offer:

- Is fair and reasonable and represents an excellent deal for Imperial shareholders.
- Delivers a gross income of £24.41 for every 100 Imperial shares: 17% better than that from the Hanson alternative with the highest capital value.
- Gives you a valuable investment in a major fast-growing consumer business.

There will be no more offers – from either United Biscuits or Hanson Trust.

So please complete your white UB acceptance form immediately.

United Biscuits' forms must be received by 3.00 pm on Friday, 11th April 1986. This is the final closing date for the UB offer.

This is your last opportunity to help create a great new British consumer company – United Imperial – and benefit from its highly profitable future.



Handwritten note: "Share in 1/10"



TEMPUS

Reckitt puts faith in Magic Mushrooms

The Magic Mushroom, Reckitt & Colman's latest product, should end fears that the company is too staid for this era.

Yesterday, the company announced increased profits of £123 million before tax for 1985, up from £106 million.

A large part of the improvement on the other side of the Atlantic reflected the contribution of Airwick, acquired last year.

There are still worries about some aspects of Reckitt's operations. The total spending on household products remains high.

Then there is the problem of the pharmaceutical division, where profits fell slightly last year to £24.1 million.

With net borrowings of £41.2 million or 11 per cent of shareholders' funds at the year end, Reckitt has sufficient financial resources for an acquisition.

With its own shares trading on 16 times earnings, assuming profits of £139 million this year, it cannot afford to relax, however inventive the marketing team.

Abbey Life

With the benefit of hindsight it is easy to say now that the stock market's euphoria over the flotation of Abbey Life, the unit-linked life company, last year was overdue.

Abbey shares leapt by more than 50p from the 180p offer

price as eager investors battled for a slice of the action. Only a few months later disappointing figures from Abbey sent the shares into a slump.

Yesterday's results - for the first full year since the flotation - did a little to help the situation, pushing the shares up 7p to 217p.

To an extent, the original euphoria was based on a misconception. At the time many investors believed that government plans to scrap the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme would lead to a pensions bonanza for life companies.

But a bigger factor in the market's caution towards Abbey is the company's own performance. The figures show that the company has achieved the £33 million profit forecast made at flotation time - it has nudged in £34.6 million for 1985, up from £30 million the year before.

The result is solid but hardly compares with the sparkling growth achieved in the early 1980s and falls short of that now being achieved by many of Abbey's competitors.

Evidence that the company has lost the competitive edge it enjoyed a few years ago is visible in the sluggish growth of new initial commissions, up by less than £1 million from £45.5 million to £46.4 million.

Abbey suffered a slack six months for new business in the middle of 1985. The day was saved by a rush into pensions early in the year caused by pre-Budget panic and an improvement in new business at the end of the year.

Abbey is sounding more optimistic about new business next year but it will have to be nimble on its feet.

Ibstock Johnsen

Brick manufacturers have been riding the Hanson Trust/London Brick price wave for so long that this year may come as a rude shock. The outlook for further in-

creases is distinctly unexciting given the high level of industry stocks and new capacity.

Ibstock has always boasted one of the highest returns on British brick sales with near margins of 30 per cent. Last year, despite price increases, this slipped to 26 per cent because of bad first-half weather and disruption from a heavy investment programme.

In the US, however, the return to profit finally happened and building products turnover moved ahead of Britain. After reduced first-half losses, the second half produced £1.4 million in pre-interest profits and a 4 per cent return on sales, which points to a sharp improvement this year.

A further £2.3 million of plant closure costs were charged below the line but the tidying up in the US is now completed and up to £4 million in trading profits should be possible this year. It will take a long time for margins to approach British levels, but the increasing popularity of brick in the US housing market gives sales scope.

Fibres - the oddball of the group - suffered from falling wood pulp prices exacerbated by the strong dollar. The contribution plummeted from £2.3 million to £867,000, wiping out much of the US improvement.

Capital investment, at £14.8 million, represents the peak of a three-year programme and the company admits to having been over-stretched. There was greater disruption than expected and some of the new equipment was delayed. The British management structure is now under review.

This year's first-half profits will be held back by the cold weather and the share up 2p at 188p, look to be up with events, assuming profits of £15 million for the full year and a prospective rating of 10.5.

Financier launches fourth bid for BHP

Melbourne (Reuter) - Mr Robert Holmes a Court yesterday launched a fourth takeover bid for Australia's largest company, only days after withdrawing his previous Aus\$5.5 billion (£1.75 billion) offer.

But the financier gave no details of his new bid when he lodged takeover documents with Australia's corporate authorities for registration.

The offer for BHP would contain terms, conditions and information designed to overcome objections raised in court action, Mr Holmes a Court's company said.

Mr Holmes a Court, who has been stalking BHP for nearly three years, dropped his third offer early last week after it had been stalled for almost six weeks by legal action.

His takeover vehicle, Bell Resources, which holds nearly 19 per cent of BHP shares, said in a stock exchange statement it had chosen to assume the validity of BHP's objections rather than contest them.

Market analysts expect Mr Holmes a Court to announce full details of his offer today or Monday.

His previous partial bid aimed for a minimum 20 per cent to a maximum 34 per cent of BHP's 1.25 billion issued shares on top of his current stake which would have given him effective control.

He had offered to pay Aus\$7.70 a share, well above yesterday's closing price of Aus\$6.30, a low level which has followed the oil price slump, analysts said.

BHP, which has annual sales of Aus\$8 billion, earns the bulk of its revenue from oil production.

Mr Holmes a Court's new bid would have the advantage of knowing much of BHP's defence strategy and is expected to be pitched at a lower share price, analysts said.

BHP, Australia's biggest oil and steel producer, spent tens of millions of dollars in a defence campaign which went to the courts, government and unions in an effort to stop Mr Holmes a Court, who responded to the bitter corporate struggle by giving adept at personal promotion in trying to win the hearts and minds of BHP's 180,000 shareholders.

Booming stores lead index to another day of records

The stock market had another firm day yesterday, setting a record close on the FT-30 Index at 1,423.9, up 6.5 points on the day.

Shortly after the opening the index hit an all-time high of 1,432.2 points, gaining 12.8 points in the first hour. Although shares fell back from their best they improved again towards the close.

Double figure gains were prominent in the majority of sectors.

Stores led the way, with the Dixons offer for Woolworth exciting the speculative favourites, though the sector as a whole is already benefiting from the continuing consumer boom.

Gilt ended with gains to 1/2, behind the American bond market. Golds rose by a dollar or more.

Among leaders, Blue Circle, up 25p at 696p, leapt on news of the cement price rise.

Distillers added 23p to 693p on higher bid hopes. BP gained 7p to 563p as oils staged a good recovery on attempts to underpin the spot price. Thorn EM1 met profit-taking, however, which left them 10p weaker at 514p.

Bankers were one of the few weak sectors, falling on fears about oil related debts. National Westminster ended 30p down at 885p.

In stores, Woolworth jumped 257p to 890p, well above the offer terms from Dixons, which were rejected by Woolworth as derisory. Dixons surged 66p to 436p.

Speculation that Woolworth may make an attempt for Harris Queensway saw Harris add 22p to 296p.

Next gained 8p at 293p, ahead of the interim next Tuesday. W H Smith leapt 24p at 362p on speculative demand.

Elsewhere, Reckitt and Colman improved by 64p to 900p on profits up 16 per cent and reports of an analysts' meeting after the figures.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES and RIGHTS ISSUES, listing various companies and their share prices.



Harland warns of job threat if Navy contract is lost

Harland and Wolff's design for a £120 million auxiliary oil replenishment ship.

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Harland and Wolff, the state-owned Belfast shipbuilder which is leading a consortium bidding for a £240 million Royal Navy auxiliary warship contract, warned yesterday that the jobs of its 5,000 Northern Ireland workers could be in jeopardy if it loses the order.

The company is building only three ships, an order book (AOR) ships each worth about £120 million, but the big prize for the winning yard is the prospect of orders for an additional four AORs.

The Defence Ministry is understood to prefer the Harland bid both on price - it is £5 million lower - and on the crucial design and technical aspects. Trade department officials, however, have been pressing for the Swan Hunter bid largely on the ground that the privatized company, not the state-owned, should be favoured.

The issue is to be discussed by a Cabinet committee early next week and a decision taken. One possible compromise, of placing AOR orders with both yards, is being strongly resisted by the Ministry of Defence and the two bidders.

Mr Parker has been angered by Swan's suggestion that his is a subsidized public sector bid. No subsidies were available for building naval vessels, he said, and in any case the consortium led by Harland included the recently privatized Yarrow Shipbuilders, now owned by GEC, YARD, the Glasgow warship design consultants, and Racal Marine.

Harland estimates Swan's order book at £400 million and Swan has been promised the £120 million contract to build a Type 23 frigate.

£31m park plan for Sherwood

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Europe's biggest operator of holiday village parks, Sporthuis Centrum, is to develop a Sherwood Forest leisure area costing £31 million - and possibly a further five to six holiday villages elsewhere in England.

The Sherwood Forest development, due to open in July 1987, is expected to create 241 full-time jobs with working for another 400 during construction.

If the other leisure developments go ahead an additional 1,200 full-time jobs would be created. Six hundred bungalows will be built in Sherwood Forest and it is hoped to attract continental holidaymakers as well as Britons.

The decision follows a five-year campaign led by the English Tourist Board to interest the Netherlands-based Sporthuis Centrum in moving to Britain. And for the development the tourist board put in its largest grant of £1.5 million.

Merger agreed

First Security Group has agreed conditionally to acquire for a maximum of £1.4 million the entire issued share capital of Fire Fighting Enterprises (UK) and its subsidiaries.

China acts to beat cash deals

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

China is to abolish its foreign currency certificates in an attempt to stamp out black market currency deals.

The certificates, in use since 1979, are issued to foreigners in return for foreign currency and can be used in specified shops. They were designed to prevent unauthorized Chinese citizens from buying luxury or imported goods on sale to foreigners.

They have been traded on the black market at up to double their nominal value, but observers in Hong Kong say the black market will not be eliminated entirely.

China also plans to ban the use of Hong Kong dollars which now circulate freely in parts of southern China close to the British-ruled territory.

Ramada set to build six more UK hotels by 1990

By Our Industrial Editor

London would operate under the Ramada banner but after evaluation that idea was rejected. Another factor for ILG was its own hotel management team, making it less reliant on Ramada for such expertise.

ILG now aims to add about six hotels in the London area to its British chain within the next three years. The joint scheme with Ramada had envisaged some regional hotels.

Both Ramada and ILG are now looking at existing properties and new building as ways to expand.

At Ramada, Mr Dan Moszycki, senior vice president, said: "The UK remains a priority for the next phase of Ramada's growth and its expansion plans call for 1,000 additional rooms by 1990."

COMPANY NEWS

- List of company news items including: PORTLAND HOLDINGS, ELYS (WIMBLEDON), EALING ELECTRO-OPTICS, WPP GROUP, SILKOLINE LUBRICANTS, SUN ALLIANCE, CLUFF OIL HOLDINGS, GREENBANK GROUP, LONDON AND MANCHESTER, BSG International, WM COOK & SONS, STANLEY MILLER, HUTCHISON WHAMPOA, GABICCE, WILLIAM JACKS, and SCOTTISH HERITABLE TRUST.

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WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - The Dow Jones industrial average was up 3.47 to 1,798.73 shortly after opening yesterday. The transportation average rose 1.96 to 815.63 and the utilities average edged up 0.41 to 191.68. The 65 stocks average touched 708.96, up 1.48 on the overnight close. There were 756 issues ad-

vancing, 894 declining, and 396 unchanged on Wednesday. Volume totalled 145,300,000 on Wednesday compared with 167,390,000 shares the previous day. The New York Stock Exchange composite index on Wednesday was up 0.22 to close at 136.08.

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes entries like AMR, Allied Signal, Alcoa, and various other industrial and financial stocks.

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CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian stock prices for various companies like Alcan, Alcan Alum, and others.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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Table detailing money market rates, including Euro Money Deposits and Gold prices.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

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GOLD

Table listing gold prices and related market information.

ECGD

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Table listing London financial futures contracts and their prices.

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Table listing dollar spot rates for various currencies.

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Table showing commodity prices for various goods like sugar, coffee, and other raw materials.

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Table listing London meat futures prices for various types of meat.

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES EXCHANGE

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LONDON OIL FUTURES EXCHANGE

Table listing London oil futures prices for various types of oil.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Large table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table listing financial trusts and their details.

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Extremely large table providing detailed information on various unit trusts, including names, managers, and performance data.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 1. Dealings end April 11. Contango day April 14. Settlement day, April 21. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

# Biscuits over a barrel

**CITY opinion is gradually turning against United Biscuits in its triangular battle for control of Imperial Group.**

The 12p jump in United's share price yesterday to 258p said as much. This latest increase has taken the value of the United offer much closer to the level of the Hanson Trust bid, but there is enormous doubt about whether United's present share price would be sustainable if its bid was successful.

United's offer is currently worth 360p per Imperial share while Hanson's is just ahead of that at 369p. But, while Hanson is clearly seeking to buy earnings per share with the purchase of Imperial, United would if successful suffer at least 10 p.c. earnings dilution in its first year. That would surely outweigh any integration benefits that could be gained in the short term by a United Imperial Group.

Crunch day for United is April 11, the final closing day for its offer unless it becomes unconditional. Hanson, on the other hand, can extend its bid to April 29 and it is already claiming around 30 p.c. of Imperial's shares, including purchases and acceptances, compared with the 22 p.c. which United claims.

The Problem for Sir Hector Laing and his team at United is that they have sold the idea of a combined United Imperial so hard that the market can now spot United's own vulnerability to a takeover if its bid fails.

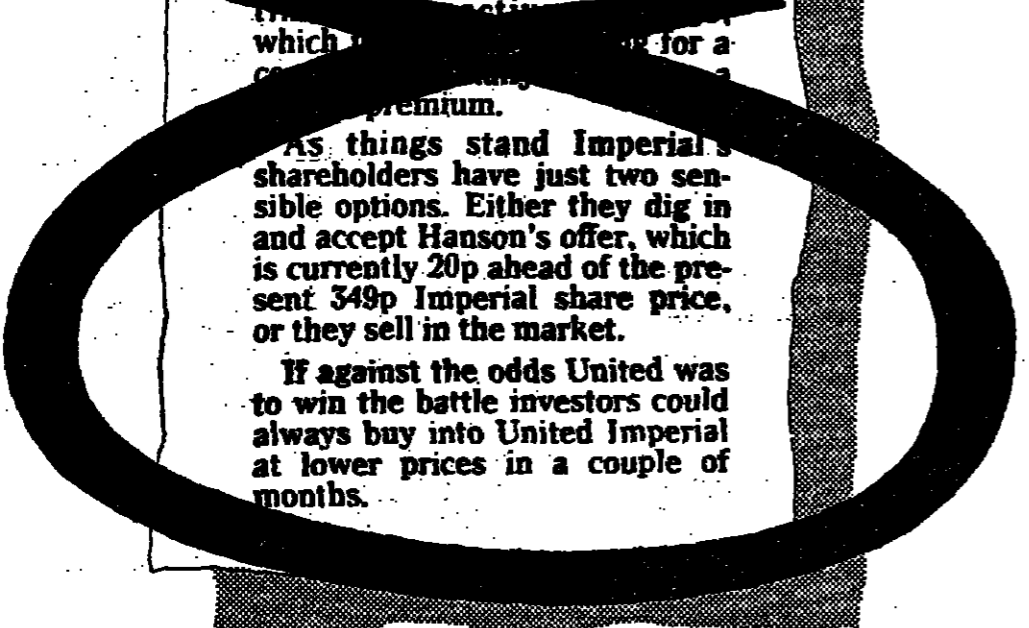
The speculation generated by that is certainly included in the present share price which commands a prospective earnings Multiple of 12.3 times. Without Imperial that rating has perhaps a full point of downside if United's own takeover attractions are being overplayed. With Imperial the short-term downside is even greater.

On a six months view Hanson's shares are more attractive with Imperial than without it, and fully diluted the enlarged group at 180p share is selling at 13.6

which is a premium.

As things stand Imperial's shareholders have just two sensible options. Either they dig in and accept Hanson's offer, which is currently 20p ahead of the present 349p Imperial share price, or they sell in the market.

If against the odds United was to win the battle investors could always buy into United Imperial at lower prices in a couple of months.



# That's the way the cookie crumbles.

Accept the Hanson offer now. The next closing date of our offer is April 11 at 3pm.



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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

A perfect match for investors

By Derek Harris
A drive has started to establish a national network of business introduction services...

Terms of which financing will probably be the trickiest.
It follows a meeting of the areas with a marriage bureau as well as other key local enterprise agencies...

at the Department of Employment, because of the implications for encouraging small businesses...
Mr Lovell said: "There is scope for a national network of business introduction services..."

Faster food at the push of a button

By Ian A. Jack
Cook-chill food has turned out to be good business for Jeffrey Fox, a 51-year-old Lancastrian with 25 years in industrial catering...



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to consumption temperature. The operator puts a meal in the microwave and punches the correct setting button.
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Freezing the costs: Jeffrey Fox of Crown Catering
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BRIEFING

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Those expected include Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, his small business minister, David Trippier, and Geoffrey Pattie, minister for industry and information technology...

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1985 (B) 1985 A, Bahama, electric sunroof, alloy, iv... £12,995
1985 (C) 1985 2-door, Polaris, Luvpack, 8,000 miles... £12,995
1985 (C) 1985 4-door, Platano, sunroof, green tint glass... £11,995
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Company Notices

GOPENG BERHAD (Incorporated in Malaysia)
Notice of Meeting
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Second Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 2nd Floor Kayang Association Building, 114, Jalan Sultan Yussuf, Ipoh, on Wednesday 16th day of April, 1986 at 11.30 a.m. for the following purposes:

- To consider, and if thought fit, pass the following resolutions:
1. "That the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1985 together with the annexed reports of the Directors and Auditors, be and are hereby received and adopted."
2. "That Mr. J. D. Helling, who retires in accordance with Section 129 of the Companies Act 1965, be and is hereby re-appointed a Director of the Company to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting."
3. "That Mr. C. W. Tresise, who retires in accordance with Section 129 of the Companies Act 1965, be and is hereby re-appointed a Director of the Company to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting."
4. "That Encik Abdullah bin Yusof, who retires in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, be and is hereby re-elected a Director of the Company."
5. "That Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Kuala Lumpur, and Desa, Megat & Co., Ipoh, who are eligible and have given their consent for re-appointment, be and are hereby re-appointed the Company's Auditors for the period until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and that the remuneration to be paid to them be fixed by the Board."

By Order of the Board,
ABDULLAH BIN YUSOF
LIEW THONG SIN
Secretaries
Ipoh, 2nd April, 1986.

NOTES:
(1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him. Under Section 149(1) (b) of the Companies Act, 1965 a proxy need not be a member of the Company; but if not a member of the Company he must be a qualified legal practitioner or an approved company auditor or a person approved by the Registrar of Companies in the particular case.
(2) There are no contracts of service between the Directors and the Company.

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Shutting the door on trouble

The car park of the lighthouse perched so precariously on the edge of Cape St Vincent, Portugal's most westerly Atlantic outpost...



The 505 GTI, Peugeot's new addition to the Family.

When a hurried search drew a blank... not even a fence to raid - my wife suggested trying the workshop at the lighthouse.

use by Ford, VW and Austin Rover and several prototypes converted to 4x4 at Coventry are being tested in America by another manufacturer.

More Power

Ever since Peugeot launched their 505 in France in the summer of 1982, hard drivers have been bemoaning the lack of power.

At the same time the estate benefits from the general wash and brush up given to the whole 505 range for 1986.

Internally the changes are more extensive, with a new dashboard display which is a model of clarity and common-sense.

British Success

American car makers were slower to catch on to the benefits of four wheel drive than their European counterparts.

needs of such a huge cabin. A more powerful system, feeding more strategically sited vents and controlled by push buttons, now produces rapid changes in temperature.

The 505 GTI Family which appeared in my drive recently for testing had me scratching my head.

It was some time before the penny dropped. The old model had its bottom in the air, leaving quite a space between the rear wheels and the wheel arches.

Folding down the third row of seats left such a huge amount of room for suitcases and clubs that packing was child's play.

Vital Statistics

Model: Peugeot 505 GTI Family Estate. Price: £12,295. Engine: 2165cc injected all alloy 4 Cyls.

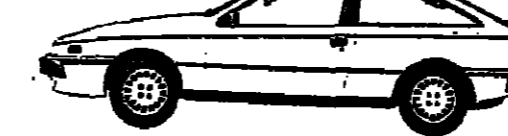
Performance: 0 to 62 mph 11.2 seconds, maximum speed 108 mph. Official consumption: Urban 23.3 mpg, 52 mpg 37.7 mpg and 75 mpg 28.2 mpg.

But as with all things pleasing there is a price to pay. The standard 505 Family is available for nearly £2,000 less than the GTI's £12,295.

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1984 Rover P5B 1.6 1000 cc. 14000 miles. £12,995.

GOLF GTI CONVERTIBLE WHITE SPECIAL 7,000 miles. £8,250.

1977 GARDNER 1977. 1100 cc. 14000 miles. £12,995.

1984 Rover P5B 1.6 1000 cc. 14000 miles. £12,995.

ROLLS ROYCE & BENTLEY 1978 Bentley T2. Grey, beige interior. 50,000 miles. £16,000.

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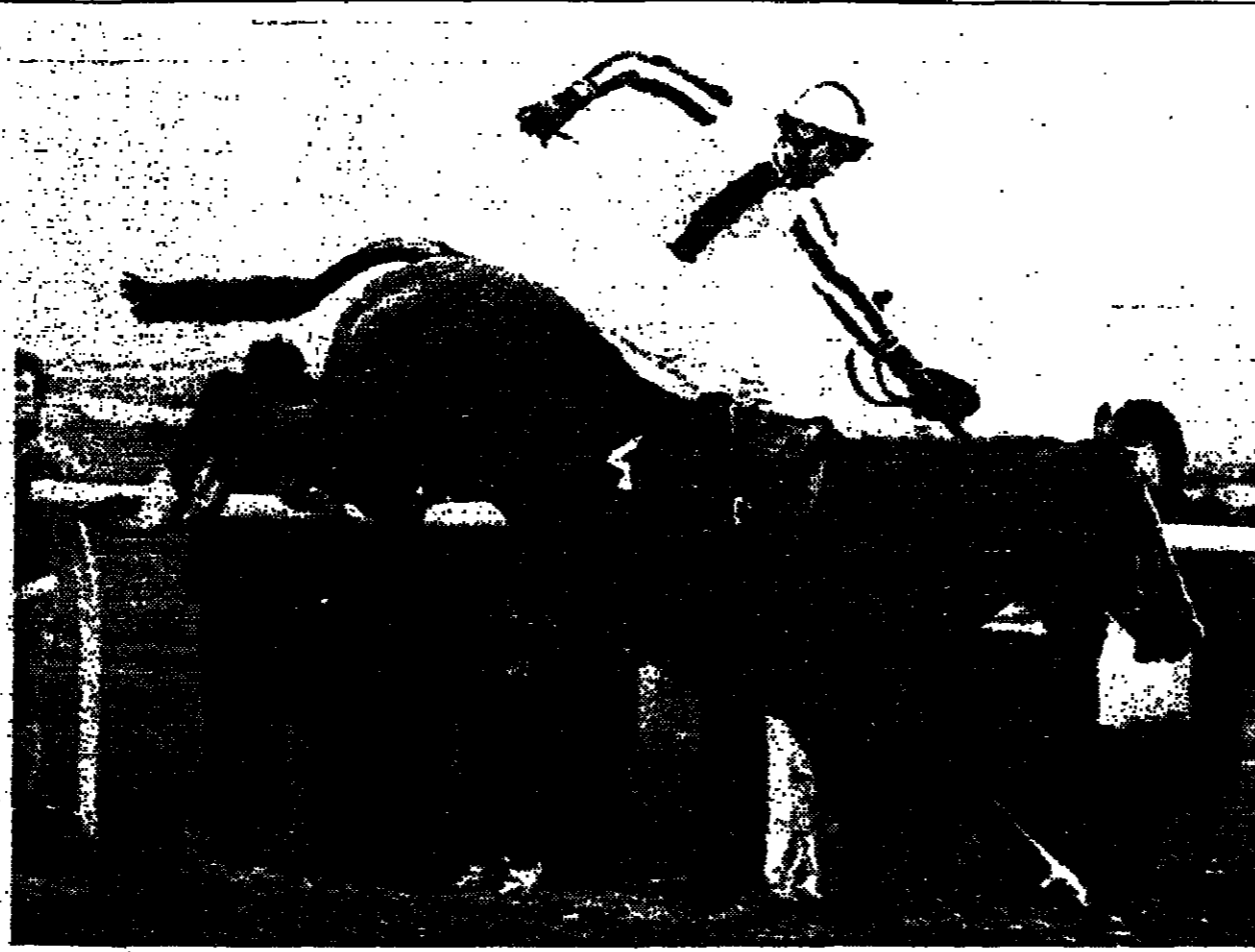




RACING: DAWN RUN AND O'NEILL UNSCATHED AFTER DRAMATIC FIRST FENCE FALL AT AINTREE

Beau Ranger's shock win augurs well for West Tip

A dramatic first fence fall by Dawn Run and an inspired tactical riding performance by Hywel Davies resulted in a 40-1 shock win for Beau Ranger in the Whitbread Gold Label Cup on good going at Aintree yesterday. Wayward Lad finished strongly to be beaten only a length and a half with Very Promising a remote third.



Beau Ranger clears the last on his way to a surprise success in the Whitbread Gold Label Chase (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

That's the first time he's had his right ground this season, Tim Jones said, "but I had a lot of trouble getting the winning combination together. The owners wanted to run in the handicap on Saturday and, would you believe it, Hywel wanted to go and ride at Tamerton instead."

Tim Thomson Jones on Bright Oasis to win by a neck. Fifteen of the 22 starters completed the course. "The ground is perfect," Dunwoody said. "It may be a bit on the soft side of good, but it will be just right for West Tip. You've got to be encouraged after Beau Ranger, but maybe he was a bit flattered."

Slick City Boy to give encore in Foxhunters

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With 20 hopefuls standing their ground overnight, the R.E.A. Foxhunters Chase at Aintree today before the banquet proper tomorrow.

So I am looking to the Irish challenger, DARK RAVEN, to extend his unbeaten record. At Aintree, he was beaten only three-quarters of a length and a short head by Solar Cloud and Bruno at Cheltenham, Dark Raven was the only horse who was not involved in that hard struggle at Cheltenham.

LIVERPOOL

Televised: BBC1: 2.35, 3.10, BBC2: 3.45, 4.20. Going: good to soft (National course); good (hardly, Mildmay)

- 2.0 WOODLAND STUD NOVICE CHASE (25,200; 2m) (10 runners)
2.05 F1141 PEAKYMAN (M) P. Shaw 11-10-10
2.06 F1114 BUBB (M) G. Richards 11-11-10
2.07 F1114 COOL DECADE (M) P. Shaw 11-11-10
2.08 F1114 SAGE (M) G. Richards 11-11-10

3.45 R E A BOTT FOX HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs; £5,721; 2m 8f) (20)

- 401 401-40 F. ABERVANTH (G) W. Jones 9-12-0
402 402-40 B. BEACON TIME (C) P. Marland 12-12-0
403 403-40 C. CHERITY (J) G. Jones 12-12-0
404 404-40 D. CITY BOY (G) M. J. Mann 11-12-0

Results from Liverpool

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1.06 F1114 BUBB (M) G. Richards 11-11-10

DEVON & EXETER

Going: good to soft

- 2.15 HALDON MOOR NOVICE HURDLE (£744; 2m 1f) (18)
1.00 FOXES CASTLE (M) W. Dunn 6-12-0
2.00 MASTER CAMERON (C) G. B. Hatten 8-12-0
3.00 GENERALISE (M) G. Jones 11-11-0

Liverpool selections

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- 2.0 The Argonaut, 2.35 Marantz, 3.10 Dark Raven, 3.45 CITY BOY (nap), 4.20 Brunton Park, 4.50 City Boy

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3.10 GLENVIEW HURDLE (4-Y-O; £19,275; 2m) (18)

- 301 31411 SOLAR CLOUD (M) G. Jones 11-4
302 31412 BABY SMOKE (M) M. Henderson 11-0
303 31413 BUBB (M) G. Richards 11-11-0
304 31414 DARK RAVEN (M) G. Jones 11-11-0

4.50 BBC RADIO MERSEY NOVICE HURDLE (£2,704; 2m 4f) (10) (20)

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3.20 EBF DEVON & EXETER NOVICE CHASE (£1,909; 3m 1f) (15)

- 1.00 DEEP AND EVEN (M) W. Dunn 6-12-0
2.00 BERNES BOY (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
3.00 DESTROY (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
4.00 DUST COUSIN (M) G. Jones 11-11-0

3.20 SPENNYMOOR NOVICE CHASE (£1,024; 3m 6f) (10)

- 1.00 PRINCE BAI (M) P. Shaw 11-10-10
2.00 RANDOLPH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
3.00 BURNING BUSH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
4.00 BURNING BUSH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0

Lowie in form with double

John Lowe maintained his good start to the season with a double at Hamilton Park yesterday on Forcello and Idle Times.

Lowie used forcing tactics on Forcello in the Maiden Stakes, making all the running to beat Bustle Busby by 10 lengths. The winner runs in the colours of the British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Ltd.

Trevor Bishop, racing Manager for the company, said: "We now have 12 horses spread among several trainers. Forcello will have run in the Spa Water Stakes at Ripon."

Sleva Norton, the winning trainer, said: "He cost \$55,000 as a foal, but was later picked up for 5,000 guineas. There are 5,000 shareholders in the winning company."

Bill Elsey, whose stable is in great form, was sent out to K-Battery to win the Lincoln with Lowie in the saddle - watched his idle times take the lead a furlong out to land the Middleward Handicap.

Graham Crawford powered home the first winner of his career on Christmas Holly in the Auchinrair Apprentice Handicap.

Taunton results

2.15 (m 3f) 1. CLARA'S LAD (M) W. Jones 11-0
2.16 (m 3f) 2. BURNING BUSH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
3.15 (m 3f) 3. BURNING BUSH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0

2.45 (m 3f) 1. TOP PRINCE (M) W. Dunn 6-12-0
2.46 (m 3f) 2. BURNING BUSH (M) G. Jones 11-11-0
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Hamilton Park

Derek Haydn Jones, who landed a double on the Flat at Warwick on Tuesday, added Clara's Lad to win the first division of the Pimms Novice Hurdle at Taunton yesterday.

The winner was a first-rising success of the season for jockey Michael Williams.

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Sedgefield

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Course specialists

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DEVON & EXETER
TRAINERS: F. Waters, 14 winners from 33 runners, 42.4%; G. Richards, 9 from 33, 27.3%; Mrs M. Dickinson, 7 from 33, 21.2%; Mrs M. Jones, 3 from 33, 9.1%.

SEDGEFIELD
TRAINERS: Mrs M. Dickinson, 22 winners from 110 runners, 19.9%; M. Henderson, 28 from 110, 25.5%; G. Jones, 27 from 110, 24.5%; M. Jones, 17 from 110, 15.4%.

3.0 SHOTTON HANDICAP CHASE (£1932; 2m) (9)
1.00 TAIN (C) J. Taylor 5-12-1
2.00 JUST ALICE (M) H. Estlin 7-11-5
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Sedgefield selections

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FOOTBALL: BARCELONA OFFER NO EXCUSES AFTER IMPRESSIVE GÖTEBORG DISPLAY

Europe's most unlikely final becomes a possibility

By Peter Bills

Barcelona's curious collapse in Göteborg, allied to Anderlecht's precarious first-leg advantage for the difficult journey to Bucharest, has raised the extraordinary possibility of a Swedish-Romanian meeting in next month's European Cup final.

Göteborg against Steaua Bucharest in Seville on May 7 would be a final to induce suicidal overtones in the minds of UEFA's treasurers. Yet one feels as though at least grateful that European football is producing shocks on the field rather than on the terraces.

Barcelona arrived home at five o'clock yesterday morning, crestfallen over their 3-0 first-leg defeat. Terry Venables's assistant manager, Allan Harris, was magnanimous in his summing up: "We can offer excuses about missing key players and playing on a disgrace of a pitch in Sweden."

But I believe we have to hold up our hands and say we were beaten by a very good side. We couldn't watch them before the match because of the Swedish winter break. But contacts like Alex Ferguson (the Scotland manager) told us they were good."

Two men caught Harris's eye: the Göteborg forwards, Ekström and Nilsson. He said: "One is 6ft 3in, the other 6ft 2in. They have tight control, are strong and Ekström is like lightning off the mark. They say he is worth £1 million and they might be right."

Göteborg stifled you and stop you playing. And they give nothing away at the back. Harris believes Larssen is good enough to walk into any English first division side. "Overall, Göteborg have great technical ability and awareness," he said.

Venables himself commented: "Göteborg are an excellent team, but we made it too easy for them. We still have a chance in the return."

Barcelona's Schuster, normally their inspiration, was anonymous; Archibald, absent through injury, was missed and may not be fit for the second leg. But Göteborg's quality shone through. "We won't give up and we score early in the second leg, Göteborg will be put to a severe test," Harris added. "But if they get past us, I believe they will be European champions."



Hodge: A workaholic who knows where he belongs

Hodge has the chance to have the last laugh

The unfortunate injury to Neville Southall forces Everton to rely on their reserve goalkeeper, Bobby Mimms, in tomorrow's FA Cup semi-final at Villa Park. However, the presence of Martin Hodge, their former third-choice goalkeeper, between the Sheffield Wednesday posts may prove an even greater threat to their ambitions of reaching Wembley for a third consecutive year than the absence of their own No. 1.

It would be ironic if Hodge proves to be an impassable barrier. For the last time Everton lost a semi-final, to West Ham in 1980. Hodge, then a highly promising 21-year-old with only a handful of first division games behind him, played in goal. An Everton supporter as a boy in Southport, he signed on at Goodison after making an early mark at Plymouth. A series of injuries set him back and after two chest operations he was in hospital having a third operation, this time on his knee cap, when Howard Kendall replaced Gordon Lee as the Everton manager.

By the time Hodge had recovered, Kendall had signed Jim Arnold and Neville Southall, and I was No. 3, so I could see my days were numbered."

There followed a series of loans to Preston, Oldham, Gillingham and Chester. He was back at Everton in August 1983. Hodge was asked to go to Sheffield Wednesday, who had just signed Ian Hesford, the England under-21 goalkeeper. Initially reluctant to go on loan yet again, Hodge succumbed to Howard Wilkinson's persuasion. It was bad news for Hesford. Given an immediate chance Hodge grabbed it with both hands.

A month later his transfer was made permanent, since when he has been an ever-present, a mainstay of Wednesday's rise from the second division to their current position among the leading teams in the first. He has harboured no grudges against Everton, saying modestly that

Southall is "the best goalkeeper I've ever come across. I doubt if I've ever made the second team by now if I had stayed there, so they did me a favour letting me go." But those setbacks after his early success have sharpened his determination.

"I don't want to be scrapping and scrapping at Preston or Oldham again, with no respect to those clubs," he said. "And I will keep working to make sure I don't have to. In goalkeeping terms I'm still young, the part of players like Jennings, Partes and Clemence is encouraging and I can think of nothing better than playing first division football at 35 for Sheffield Wednesday."

Hodge is quick to pay tribute to the help he has received from Wednesday's goalkeeper coach, Alan Hodgkinson, but his own appetite for work and self-improvement is notable. Wilkinson's hard training has provoked some mockery, but Hodge thrives on it.

Wednesday are equally pleased with Hodge's contribution. "He has improved dramatically since he came here," says Wilkinson, who recently appointed Hodge captain. "And he goes on improving. He is a workaholic. The way he is going I can see him playing into his late thirties if he steers clear of injuries."

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What could be nicer than going out for a run in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside?" he asked. "It is hard work and it does hurt, but so do I. I struggle along at the back, but get as much enjoyment out of it as I do. I'm sure I've benefited from it. People say goalkeepers don't need to run, but I have got more spring from my legs now because of the run and the work up and down the Kop."

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RUGBY UNION

Scottish consistency a real threat to Cup favourites

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Even in the context of an amateur sport, a certain glamour has attached itself to Leicester and Bath, the two clubs who have dominated the English game over the last seven years, both in terms of the John Player Special Cup and their massive contributions to the national side.

Their meeting in the Cup semi-finals tomorrow has fairly cast a shadow over the other game, obviously of equal significance, between Wasps and London Scottish.

Wasps, too, have had their share of glory these last three years without quite fulfilling their potential. But what of London Scottish? Unconsidered by many, largely neglected these days by their national selectors, yet a consistent record in the Cup over six seasons.

Leicester had a very nasty time beating them in 1981 before reaching their third successive final. Scottish were in the semi-finals two years later, were quarter-finalists in 1984 and here they are again, pushing for another appearance in the final to go with that of 1974 when they lost to Coventry.

What is remarkable is that, since 1984, their playing personnel has changed drastically. Of the side who lost to Nottingham in the quarter-final two years ago, only two backs, Stuart Irvine and Andy Cushing, and two forwards, Jeremy Campbell-Lauzon and Jerry Macklin, remain, and Irvine has moved from full back to centre.

Also playing in that game was Alastair McHarg, now their coach. "We are in the semi-finals again because we have worked very hard and developed an excellent team spirit," he said this week. "The Wilsons, the McHargs, the Edwards, all international - have long gone and our style is changing."

"When I took the job of coach I felt it would take about five years to change the style of play we have had for a long time. Over the period I have been at the club we have always had internationals in the side, players who could turn a game or influence it to a degree."

Now there are 20 stars and we have to work out how we are going to win games, be more organized and more efficient, competing with the regular go-getters like the Bath, Coventry, Gloucesters and Leicesters on a 15-man basis. A win over Gloucester in the quarter-final gave us a lot of satisfaction, even though it was spoiled by certain reports afterwards which suggested Gloucester were robbed.

"We know we have certain problems, certain weaknesses, and we are trying to overcome them, lay down our assets, and make the most of them. The combination in the forwards is beginning to come together, which gives the backs the opportunity to run from decent possessions."

These backs now include Gavin Hastings, the Wakefield and Cambridge University full back, whose impact on Scotland's fortunes this season has been so great. He joined the Scottish after Christmas and McHarg recognizes his impact as a bit special. He is an excellent all-round footballer. His importance is not confined to goal kicking, though he has kicked some big goals for Scotland and one or two for us."

In fact, Irvine remains the club's primary goal kicker, though the choice remains with Macklin, the captain, on the day. And if Scottish come through against Wasps they will suddenly be involved in a flurry of games, because they are yet to give April over to seven. Yet they will need to maintain 15-a-side fitness if they are to appear at Twickenham in the final on April 26.

In that respect it is worth noting that Scotland's play for the last season has been better than any other. They have 30 scheduled fixtures, several of which were affected by the weather, so their record reads: won 18, drew one, lost six. This is itself most helpful to the maintenance of consistent form and will surely be the envy of those clubs whose players face between 40 and 50 games a season, with additional representative or charity calls thrown in. Quality, not quantity, is what counts.

Bath still have worries. Bath have overcome recent injury problems sufficiently to put a representative side out against the Scots in their John Player Special Cup semi-final at Welford Road tomorrow, though they may be crossing their fingers that back injuries sustained by Egerion and Spurrell do not prove incurable.

The flanker remains unavailable as he has been since mid-February when he broke his thumb in the Calcutta Cup match. He is in light training but has not played since then. Trelly, who showed against Bristol in the weekend that he has recovered his zest for the game, is not available on the wing because of an ankle injury.

There have also been doubts surrounding Chilcott, England's loose head prop, who has had a long lay-up with a head skull over the last month. However, he, like the other recently injured players, has emerged unscathed from a fitness test and will be hoping to help Bath to their third successive final.

Rosslyn Park, one of the few London clubs to have a full April, introduce McBain, the Durham University and Durham County flanker, against Bridgwater at Roehampton tomorrow. McBain has had a long lay-up with a head skull over the last month. However, he, like the other recently injured players, has emerged unscathed from a fitness test and will be hoping to help Bath to their third successive final.

Merit Table at the moment and will be watching anxiously to see whether their closest rivals can overtake them in the final weeks of the season. They are also giving their lions for a hectic second round, following teams in three weeks in Bristol on Sunday. Bristol have dropped the former England stand-off half Horton from their side to play Harlequins at the Stoop Memorial Ground. His place goes to Tainton and Bristol move back to the centre in place of Sorrell.

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgport 30, Cardiff 5; Clon 9, South Wales Police 15; Neath 10, Maesteg 12.

Ryan faces severe test of his ability

Non-League football by Paul Newman

John Ryan, the new caretaker manager of Maidstone United, faces a severe test of his ability over the next month. The Kent club, Gola League champions two seasons ago, are only four points clear of the relegation zone and have just six games left, fewer than any of the teams beneath them.

Ryan, the club's first-team coach, has replaced Barry Fry, who was told by Jim Thompson, the chairman, after Monday's 4-2 defeat at home to Stafford Rangers that he was being relieved of his responsibilities for team affairs. He was asked to stay as general manager, but has decided to resign.

Little has gone right this season for Fry, who joined Maidstone 15 months ago from Barnet. His squad has been depleted by a succession of injuries and he can remember only one occasion - the 4-2 win at Telford United a month ago - when he had every player available for selection.

Two-match ban for Roberts. Cloughs put England first

Graham Roberts, the Tottenham Hotspur defender, was yesterday given another two-match ban, his thirteenth suspension in the last five seasons. He will miss Tottenham's League game at Leicester tomorrow and next Saturday's visit to Luton. An FA disciplinary commission also fined him £100.

Alan Devonshire, the West Ham midfielder, who has been suffering from a back strain and a thigh injury, hopes to return for West Ham United's next match at home to Southampton on Tuesday.

Southall is "the best goalkeeper I've ever come across. I doubt if I've ever made the second team by now if I had stayed there, so they did me a favour letting me go." But those setbacks after his early success have sharpened his determination.

"I don't want to be scrapping and scrapping at Preston or Oldham again, with no respect to those clubs," he said. "And I will keep working to make sure I don't have to. In goalkeeping terms I'm still young, the part of players like Jennings, Partes and Clemence is encouraging and I can think of nothing better than playing first division football at 35 for Sheffield Wednesday."

Hodge is quick to pay tribute to the help he has received from Wednesday's goalkeeper coach, Alan Hodgkinson, but his own appetite for work and self-improvement is notable. Wilkinson's hard training has provoked some mockery, but Hodge thrives on it.

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Schoolboys help lift the gloom

After generous and prolonged support of schools' rugby union, Phillips Petroleum is to end their sponsorship after the current season, an undoubted blow to the Rugby Football Schools Union. The fact that the National Westminster Bank is reviewing their sponsorship of Colts rugby also makes somewhat daunting news.

England's hopes of providing a magnificent Banker and the diminutive Wriggall, who tackled superbly, were both impressive. The exigencies of touring were illustrated by the successful Ermysted's Grammar School. Having beaten Jersey Youth 30-0 they were due to play another match in the Channel Islands. But when that game was cancelled another was arranged at short notice against Southampton University, and they lost 20-4.

The Bishop of Hereford School needed three periods of extra time to defeat Coudeon Court, Coventry, in the semi-final of the London Irish under-16 seven, before losing in the final 10-12 to St Benedict's, Ealing.

Dave Catchpole, who scored three tries for Saracens in their 68-12 victory over Northern on Monday, has been dropped by the north London club for tomorrow's home game against London Irish. Alex Keady, their second half back, accounted for England's other points with five penalties and it was he who split Ireland's defence with a powerful early burst that made a try for Underwood, which the full back converted. The next flash of inspiration followed immediately after the interval when

John Buckton, a centre, and Chris Roberts, a prop, also return in place of Mark Williams and Chris Wright. But consolation for Catchpole, Williams and Wright will come on Sunday when they line up for Saracens along with the rest of the club's second team in the Middlesex Cup final against Wasps at Southgate. Saracens owe their first appearance in the final for five seasons to their second team, who have represented them in every round this season.

Messley make one change

McCall, a very talented but rather over-ambitious stand-off half, kicked a penalty for Ireland in each half and Pilgrim kicked a first-half penalty for England. Walsh at No 8 and the Irish props, Semple and Coughlan, worked tirelessly and constructively; for England, Burroughs, a magnificent flanker and the diminutive Wriggall, who tackled superbly, were both impressive.

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Anderlecht 1, Steaua Bucharest 0; Göteborg 3, Barcelona 0. First leg: Steaua Bucharest 1, Anderlecht 0; Barcelona 0, Göteborg 3.

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Anderlecht 0, Steaua Bucharest 1; Göteborg 0, Barcelona 3. Final: Steaua Bucharest 1, Barcelona 0.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football: Liverpool v Manchester United (12.30), Arsenal v Tottenham (1.30), Chelsea v Manchester City (2.00), Everton v Newcastle (2.00), Manchester United v Liverpool (2.00), Tottenham v Arsenal (2.00), Manchester City v Chelsea (2.00), Newcastle v Everton (2.00), Liverpool v Manchester United (2.00), Arsenal v Tottenham (2.00), Chelsea v Manchester City (2.00), Everton v Newcastle (2.00), Manchester United v Liverpool (2.00), Tottenham v Arsenal (2.00), Manchester City v Chelsea (2.00), Newcastle v Everton (2.00), Liverpool v Manchester United (2.00), Arsenal v Tottenham (2.00), Chelsea v Manchester City (2.00), Everton v Newcastle (2.00), Manchester United v Liverpool (2.00), Tottenham v Arsenal (2.00), Manchester City v Chelsea (2.00), Newcastle v Everton (2.00), Liverpool v Manchester United (2.00), Arsenal v Tottenham (2.00), Chelsea v Manchester City (2.00), Everton v Newcastle (2.00), Manchester United v Liverpool (2.00), Tottenham v Arsenal (2.00), Manchester City v Chelsea 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Today's television and radio programmes

BBC 1

- 6.00 Cee-fax
6.50 Breakfast Time Sue
6.55 Good Morning Britain News
7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30
and 9.00. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 8.25 and 9.00. Local news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.25, 7.57, 8.27, Sport at 7.20 and 8.20. Today's papers at 6.57, Special Grand National edition, Alan Titchmarsh answers your gardening questions on 01 911 0066.
9.20 Roland Rat's Easter Extravaganza: the Sultan's a special guest...
12.30 Regional News and Moira Stuart. 12.55 Regional News and Moira Stuart.

TV-AM

- 6.15 Good Morning Britain News
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 8.25 and 9.00. Local news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.25, 7.57, 8.27, Sport at 7.20 and 8.20. Today's papers at 6.57, Special Grand National edition, Alan Titchmarsh answers your gardening questions on 01 911 0066.
9.25 Thames News headlines
10.00 The Prizefighters
10.30 The All Electric
11.00 BBC2 Best of the Week
12.30 Regional News and Moira Stuart. 12.55 Regional News and Moira Stuart.

BBC 2

- 9.00 Cee-fax
12.30 Open University
1.45 Cee-fax
2.45 Windmill Chris Serle
3.25 Raising the Bar
4.35 The Paper Chase
5.30 The Tube
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.10 Sport
7.30 Eboni
8.00 Moment of Truth
8.30 The Cosby Show
9.30 Gardeners' Calendar
10.10 Did you See...?
10.55 Newsnight
11.50 Film: Globe Theatre
12.50 Cee-fax

CHANNEL 4

- 2.35 They said it with Music
4.30 Countdown
5.00 Car 54
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Radio 4

- 5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.15 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.20 Good Friday
8.45 News
9.30 Laster from America
9.45 Kaleidoscope
10.15 The World Tonight
10.30 Daily Service
10.45 Kaleidoscope
11.00 News
11.15 The Financial World
11.20 News
11.30 News
11.45 Hampshire News
12.00 News
12.27 In Other Words
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers
2.00 News
3.00 News
4.00 News
4.05 The News
4.30 Kaleidoscope

Radio 3

- 6.55 Weather
7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert
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Peter Davalle, My Hawke Channel 4 at 11.30pm

THE DOCTOR (Channel 4, 8.15pm) is not, as you might imagine, about a medical woman. It needs only an exclamation mark to make it an injunction because this is a film about what aggravated Americans, looking through the courts, to make doctors pay for acts of negligence. The documentary is so up-to-date that it was still being put together yesterday. In all, it can tell you what you will be able to do in the United States, there are many worried doctors as there are worried victims of their alleged negligence. The same may well be true of British doctors, but that is something we can only guess at from watching the companion piece to Sue the Doctor, THE WALL OF SILENCE (Channel 4, 10.30pm). The wall is made

even higher and thicker thanks to nobody from the General Medical Council being prepared to say anything. However, the Well Being team have managed to come up with a consultant obstetrician, and what he says about the matter gives potential litigants some cause for pessimism. I should have liked to have heard what lawyers representing the victims had to say about the statement by one doctor's insurance spokesman to the effect that it is plaintiffs' solicitors who often blame for the fact that some compensation claims can take up to four years to settle. There is a dismal footnote to The Well Being. With the addition of the G.L.C.

the funds available to Action for the Victims of Medical Negligence. The Davo that has taken on the G.O.L.C. will be considerably less from now on. Also recommended tonight on any of WYNE AND PENKOSKY (BBC 1, 9.30pm) Andrew Gair's dramatization of Greville Wynne's account of his spy's life. It is a proof of espionage, truth is stranger than fiction, here there is, a triumphant good measure. My radio choice the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's recording of Beethoven's seventh and the Piano Concerto No. 1 with Lupu (on Radio 3, at 7.30pm and 8.50).

Benson (piano), Borodin (Symphony No. 1), 8.00 News (This Week's Composer: Mozart, German Dance, Op. 67; Dvorak's In B-flat for strings Op. 68; Boston Chamber Players) French Wind Music: Francais (Wind Quartet), 8.05, Koenig (Op 165) and Pierre-Marcel Dubois (Saxophone Quartet) Langham Chamber Orchestra (piano), 8.10, Hagegus, cello concerto), and Celia Harper, harpichord concerto, Purcell (Dances from Henry Queen), Avonor (Concerto in E minor, Op 6 No. 8), Bonpour (Concerto in F major, Op 11 25) Harmonium: piano recital of works by Chopin, includes the Polonaise in C sharp minor, Op No 10, Impromptu in A flat major, Op 29; and Scherzo in C sharp minor, Op 20. BBC Philharmonic (under Downes), with Steven Isserlis (cello). Part one. Stravinsky (Orchestra) and Tchaikovsky (cello) variations, 1.00 News (continued). Brahms (Symphony No 2)

Downland (Cora, heavy sleep, Pears and Bream), Britten (Nocturnal), Davon, gurtari, and Gordon (Crosse) (Dances) 11.57 News. K. Copland VHF only: 3.25 Mozart and Schumann; Roman Nockajvomi, Gordon Back (piano), Mozart Sonata in G major, K 301, Schumann Fantasy in C, Op 131; 4.00 Choral Evensong; from Leeds Parish Church; 4.55 News, 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure with Fritz Spiegl.

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Bargain might benefit Sofia

Sofia In the space of a few days the Bulgarian climate has jumped from winter into summer...

Sofia, like Birmingham, has something invaluable to offer the Olympic Games: proximity. Hop on a bus and in 20 minutes you can be at any of the proposed sites for the 1992 Games...

"We're newcomers in this campaign and already it has become a kind of burden, with some people in Sofia believing we have already been awarded the Games..."

In September, the Soviet bloc of eastern Europeans and political sympathizers will meet to decide upon a mandatory vote for the 12 IOC members on the summer decision...

Already some 30 IOC members have visited Sofia, with another 20 expected, twice the number likely to see Birmingham...

The General competed in the 1924 Olympics in Paris and it is amusingly alleged that whenever an IOC colleague arrives here he is greeted by the General exclaiming nostalgically: "I'm voting for Paris, what about you?"

The emotional mood of Sarajevo in 1984 was memorable for the friendly informality of the Yugoslavs, and the Bulgarians can create the same Olympic flavour. There are also the advantages of a major international airport and established modern hotels...

Some \$300 million (about £200m) is to be spent on winter sports facilities within four years if the Bulgarians are appointed hosts, within eight years if not. Hubert Spiess and Fred Roesner, Austrians who are both on the International Federation Council...

A bob-run, with properly designed viewing stands, will operate all round the year, with a synthetic surface replacing ice in the summer months. "To keep the Olympics alive, the IOC has to look at smaller countries, to get away from the battle of strategic political balance..."

They are automatically selected for Edinburgh, assuming they do not suffer any serious injury or illness before then. England are following the lead of Scotland, who pre-selected eight of their squad last year...

David Miller

Aintree greets its first winner



I Bin Zaidoon (right) jumps the last hurdle upsides River Ceiriog, the runner-up, before going on to win at Liverpool for his trainer, Mrs Jenny Pitman, and jockey, Graham McCourt, yesterday (photograph: Ian Stewart). Report, page 29.

More misery in a savage winter's tale

Put into bat on a pitch that was coarse and green, England were soon in trouble again when the fourth Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless, began here yesterday. Gooch, Gower and Robinson were all out cheaply as the West Indian fast bowling machine ground remorselessly on. At lunch England were 61 for three...

It was a wretched pitch for England to be trapped on, prepared unashamedly, or so it seemed, for the benefit of the home attack. By today it will be a different colour. I am sure, having had yesterday's sun on it, but it certainly put a premium on winning the toss.

One look at the pitch would have been enough to decide England to leave out a spinner. To have had the chance of bowling first on this, only Thomas and a potentially wayward Botham to take ad-

vantage of it, would have been wanton. So Edmonds was left out, Emburey being preferred to him for having taken five wickets in an innings in both his previous Test matches here. There was only a sprinkling of spectators to see Marshall land five of his first nine balls in his own half of the pitch, a sight which must have so disconcerted Robinson that when he was caught at third slip off his fourth ball he was shaping only the most tentative of strokes.

Having made it clear from the start that no prisoners would be taken, Marshall soon hit Gower a nasty blow on his right, or front, forearm. Several times, too, Gower had to duck or sway or go to ground in the face of bouncers from Marshall, and it was against Marshall, when he was seven, that Gower survived a low return catch. But it was Garner who got him, very well caught by Dujon high to his left off a ball that flew from somewhere near a good

length. To help him face the fire at No.4, Smith had only three innings behind him in the last month and a top score for the tour of 43. Gooch had been in for 75 minutes and looked at least to be holding his own when he, too, was caught at slip, offering a limp bat to a ball of no particular merit. The catch

was taken low down at first slip by Richards, giving Garner figures of three for 17 in seven overs. When, a couple of overs later, Holding replaced Garner, he produced a lifting leg-cutter that no-one in the world could have played. Lamb missed it by inches. Despite his lack of batting and shortage of runs, Smith went off at lunch having played better than anyone. His height was a help to him in getting on top of the rising ball, and twice when Patterson pitched the ball up Smith hit him for four, to square leg and then straight. It was Patterson, though, who struck him as he dropped his wrists to one that reared. In the two hours of the morning West Indies bowled 22 overs and of England's 61 runs ten came from no-balls.

Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes names like G.A. Gooch, R.T. Robinson, D.W. Smith, etc.

Test (2 days) 81

P. Willey, I.T. Botham, P.R. Downton, J.E. Embury, N.A. Foster and J.G. Thomas to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-29, 3-31.

WEST INDIES: C.G. Greenidge, D.L. Haynes, R.B. Richardson, N.A. Gomes, T.V. A. Richards, P.J. Dujon, M.D. Marshall, P.A. Harper, M.A. Holding, J. Garner, B.P. Patterson.

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Cricket tour

David Bairstow will lead a party of 14 Yorkshire county cricketers, including Geoffrey Boycott, on a tour of Jersey and Guernsey from April 11 to 18.

Manager jumps to Botham's defence

Ian Botham yesterday denied that he and his manager, Tim Hudson, are to split, after new drug-taking allegations against the England player.

It had been thought that Hudson was to fly from Miami and meet Botham in the West Indies to discuss a newspaper report that alleged the manager had said: "I'm aware that Ian smokes dope, but doesn't everybody?"

But Botham said yesterday shortly before the start of the fourth Test match in Trinidad: "I'm had a change of plan and flew back to London. But it was not because there was any great row between us. And he is still my agent."

Hudson yesterday denied saying that Botham uses drugs. His comments, in a

statement issued by his London solicitors, follow an article in The Star on Wednesday, in which the quotes appeared.

Hudson said: "At no time did I say that Ian uses drugs. I never said that I was aware he smoked dope. I expressly stated that Ian does not have a drugs problem and that it was an absurd suggestion."

The statement adds: "The Star also attributes to me a statement that Ian will quit three-day cricket in the coming season. I did not make such a statement, nor is it true. I emphasized my view that Ian still has a long cricketing career before him. As Ian's manager and friend I deplore all the attacks he has had to suffer recently at the hands of the press."

GOLF

Oosterhuis loses grip

From Mitchell Platts, Greensboro, North Carolina

Andy Bean compiled a 68 to take the early lead in the first round of the Greater Greensboro Open on the Forest Oaks course here yesterday. But Peter Oosterhuis, who was making a strong challenge with three holes to play, dropped a shot at the 16th then took five at the short 17th to finish with a 73.

Bean, who won the title in 1984, was later joined in the lead by Jim Simons. He had four birdies in his 68, which included a 45-foot putt at the

8th. He said: "A 68 is a good score at any time on this course and four of them would certainly win the championship." Craig Stadler, Howard Twitty and the South African, David Frost, all had rounds of 69.

After the disappointment of his closing shots Oosterhuis said: "I was hoping to make a comeback this week. The trouble is I don't have the confidence in my swing that I should have and I keep having two-hole spells, like today,

which can ruin a whole round. However, I might come over for the PGA Championship."

Nick Faldo and Sandy Lyle, both late starters, appeared to be more likely British contenders than Oosterhuis, who is having a miserable season, with winnings of only \$2,421 (about £1,600), and is currently 170th in the money-list. He cannot, of course, now play regularly on the tour as he finished 130th in last year's money-list then failed to improve his ranking by missing out at the tour school.

Even so, he started well - holing from six feet for a birdie at the 1st. And although he drove into the water at the third, Oosterhuis showed signs of being in form by hitting an excellent four iron on to the green, so dropping only one shot in the process.

Oosterhuis exchanged shots to par at the 5th and the eighth, although he missed good birdie opportunities at the fourth and seventh, and he turned in a level-par 36. A bad drive at the 13th took the ball to within five feet of being out of bounds, but he still left the green with a birdie.

ATHLETICS

Ovett on right road to 5,000 metres

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Twelve years after his first gold medal, in the European junior 800 metres, Steve Ovett is preparing for a move up to 5,000 metres for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh and the European championships in Stuttgart this summer. His first race for six months, the Kodak AAA 10-kilometre road championships in Battersea Park tomorrow, will be an indication of how his first endurance-based winter training has progressed.

Ovett said yesterday: "I honestly haven't made up my mind about the championships yet, but I will be running in more 5,000 metres races this summer. I had a long break after my road races in America in mid-October, and I was supposed to be running in Norway a few days ago, but the arrangements fell through. So it only took a bit of arm-twisting to get me to run on Saturday - but I don't think I'm going to be anywhere near the lads who have been racing all winter."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Beckenham faulted

London (AP) - The ruling body of British tennis has told the organizers of the Beckenham tournament to reconsider inviting Jimmy Connors to play there while he is serving a 10-week suspension.

Ian Peacock, chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, said that allowing the American to play in the pre-Wimbledon tournament from June 2 to 8 would defeat the purpose of the suspension imposed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council.

"It is our view that we should support the spirit of the disciplinary action," Peacock said. "Under International Tennis Federation rules, we certainly could not offer financial support or sanction an event which allowed a player under suspension to take part."

Salute Cannons

Cannons, the London squash rackets club, are the new American Premier League champions after winning 4-1 at Edgbaston Priory in their last



Connors: in the cold

match of the season. They pipped Ardleigh Hall after the Essex side could only beat Manchester Northern 3-2.

Blake move

Roy Blake, assistant coach to Sharp Manchester United, the Carlsberg National Basketball League champions, was appointed yesterday coach to HomeSpire Bolton, the struggling first division side. Blake, a Blackpool schoolteacher, takes over from American Mark Stevens who was player-coach for only 12 months.

BADMINTON

Dew drops out of England squad

From Richard Eaton, Uppsala, Sweden

England's 3-2 defeat against Denmark in the final of the European championships here on Wednesday night was followed by another damaging development in the Martin Dew saga.

Heaven and earth have been moved to get the European doubles champion to Jakarta for the Thomas Cup finals later this month. The travelling dates of the entire England squad have been altered, the selectors have overruled manager Jake Downey's decision to omit him, and weeks of public wrangling have seen Downey struggle to hang on to his job.

Now, having won his battle to be included in the squad and to travel late, Dew has announced he cannot go after all. The reason, he claims, is that his employers in Denmark say that notice is too short to give him three weeks away from his job as an engineer with a high-speed communications network. It seems incredible that this

problem could not have been foreseen.

While David Eddy, one of the selectors, has said Dew's explanation was accepted, Downey, who has suffered so much apparently for so little, said: "It makes all the struggle, politics and disputes so futile". He will receive some sympathy for that statement.

Dew's value to the team was emphasized by his and Dipak Tailor's fine performance in losing narrowly 15-9, 12-15, 15-11 to the former world champions, Fladberg and Helledie - a contest that Downey believes would have turned the whole match England's way had they won it.

Nigel Tier and Gillian Gowers, favourites to win the individual mixed doubles title, were given a tough match by Chris Rees and Lesley Roberts, of Wales, before winning 12-15, 15-12, 15-11. Phil Sutton was beaten 15-9, 15-12, by Sweden's No 3, Jonas Hergardh.

SWIMMING

England pre-select

England have pre-selected four of their leading swimmers for the Commonwealth Games. The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) announced yesterday that Adrian Moorhouse (breaststroke), Sarah Hardcastle (freestyle), and Andrew Jamieson and Caroline Cooper, both (butterfly), will not be required to compete in next month's trials at Coventry.

They are automatically selected for Edinburgh, assuming they do not suffer any serious injury or illness before then. England are following the lead of Scotland, who pre-selected eight of their squad last year. Derek Stubbs, the ASA's new director of swimming, said: "This is the first time we have done this and it is quite a breakthrough."

Moorhouse has been selected for the 100 and 200 metres breaststroke, Miss Hardcastle for the 400 and 800 metres freestyle. Miss Hardcastle is also Britain's leading 400 metres medley competitor but the selectors have decided that she must compete in the trials of that event in order to secure a place.

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